

# **BUNYAN CHIPS**

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To whom it may concern:

I'm sorry to inform you that there will not be a newsletter this month.

Norm Boughton, as most of you know, publishes the newsletter. He is very ill. He has been in the hospital since January 2, 2007. His lungs are swelled, full of liquid and scarred. His oxygen level has also been a problem. His illness is not of the normal variety. The doctors are trying different things to see if they work. So far, only marginal success.

If you need to get in touch with Norm, it is probably best to try and do it through me. I am a close friend. You can reach me on my cell phone at 585-766-0329 or by email [ceckert1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ceckert1@rochester.rr.com). If you send an email, please put Norm in the subject line. I get a lot of spam every day and as you are not in my address book, I will need to identify your message as legitimate in my spam folder.

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# DUNYAN'S CHIPS



## Official Newsletter for the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors

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### PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE

Dear Members,

It is with deep sadness that I am reporting the passing of Norm Boughton, our editor and Past President of the IOWMC. Norm passed away on January 25, 2007 at the age of 75.

Norm was one of the best "wood" people that I have known since I started collecting. He owned one of the largest collections of flats around. He was also a dealer, selling woods in all publications. He continued buying woods from all sorts both as a collector and dealer.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Maurina, as well as two sons and a daughter.

It has been brought to my attention that Barbara Trace, Riva Klein and Arthur Barbeau have also passed away. Barbara was a Past President of the IOWMC and an avid collector in days gone by. Riva was 84 years old and had resided in New York State. She was very active in wood collecting until her health prohibited her from doing so.

I want to encourage all who have not paid their dues, to please do so immediately. Time is running out. We would hate to see your names dropped from our records.

I ask that everyone consider running for an office. We will have a full slate that need to be filled. This includes the President, 2 Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Governors. The only position that is not to be filled is that of Treasurer.

I am also going to need some volunteers for the election, and duties concerning the annual meeting to be held in Milwaukee, WI in August. You may contact me either by phone (502 361-4548) email ([sniderky@aol.com](mailto:sniderky@aol.com)) or my snail mail (PO Box 14402, Louisville, KY 40214).

I would at this time to thank Darrell Luedtke for stepping in to fill the Editor's job. He has agreed to get out the newsletter on a temporary basis until we can find a replacement. Anyone who can fill this position, please contact Darrell or me.

*Bill Snider, President*

### CLUB OFFICERS

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## FROM YOUR (TEMPORARY) EDITOR

I share your president's sadness and regrets in reporting the passing of our Editor, Norm Boughton. As your president stated, Norm was the president of IOWMC in 1986/1987. At one time he published his own Wooden Money Newsletter. He collected official flats, New York woods and wooden medals (from the U.S. centennial and world fairs). He was a great friend in sharing wooden nickel information and a fierce competitor when it came to bidding on woods that we needed in our collections. Although misunderstood by many, his friends understood him best. He truly tried to take wooden money collecting into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and shared a belief with me that the future of the hobby is based on recruiting new collectors to the hobby. He will be missed by his many friends.

I also share your president's sadness and regrets in reporting the passing of Barbara Trace, Riva Klein and Arthur Barbeau. I didn't know them personally, the hobby has lost avid fans of wooden money.

I have volunteered to publish Bunyan's Chips on a temporary basis. I am not new to this job as I was editor of another newsletter for over 3 years. I hope that I can meet your expectations and be a worthy successor to Norm. However, I must stress that this is temporary. I am semi-retired and work as a consultant and I don't know where or when I will have to travel. I am only trying to fill in for Norm for this month so that you get a newsletter and don't wonder what happened to the organization. Believe me, it is well and thriving.

*Darrell Luedtke, Temporary Editor*

### 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

While dues for most coin clubs are increasing, membership in IOWMC remains the same as last year, \$7.50. For 62.5¢ per month you get a newsletter (postage alone is 39¢) which contains updates on new woods, information from other collectors, free advertising, mail bids and an opportunity to network with other collectors to trade, buy and sell. Please avoid the rush and send your dues now to Shelley Quinn, Secretary, 5295 Beechwood Road, Ravenna, OH, 44266-9119.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY, 2007

#### Regular Checking

Beginning Balance	\$2,481.54
Income - Dues	7.50
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	\$2,489.04

#### Regular Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,555.57
Income: Interest	0.33
Ending Balance 12/31/2006	\$2,555.90

#### Life Membership Savings

Beginning Balance 10/1/2006	\$2,525.81
Income: Interest	0.33
Ending Balance 12/31/2006	\$2,526.14

### YOUR NEWSLETTER

This is your newsletter and we are always looking for articles. Do you have a story to tell about a wood in your collection? Let everyone know by sending it to the editor. You do not need to be the world's greatest writer, just an avid collector.

### ANA CONVENTION

The ANA annual convention will be held in Milwaukee on August 8-12, 2007. I am warning you that the exhibits that are planned will knock your socks off. IOWMC plans to have its annual meeting and a booth at the convention. I will work with the president to arrange lodging. Depending on where you want to stay we have lodging that ranges from \$29 to \$150 per night. Since I live in the Milwaukee area I plan on inviting members to a good old fashioned swap meet at my home followed by a good old Wisconsin beer and bratwurst feast. Plan to attend now. Darrell Luedtke

### GUIDE BOOK OF WOODEN MONEY

The Guide Book of Wooden Money lists official woods that were issued by cities for their jubilees, centennials, sesquicentennials, festivals, fairs and other celebrations. It is a great reference that gives the history of wooden money and lists thousands of woods alphabetically by state, city and date and lists suggested values. It is available for \$21.00 postpaid from M. Wayne Dennis, 1852 Golden Shadow Drive, Henderson, NV 89002.

## **Evanston - Northwestern University Centennial Wooden Nickels**

**By: Darrell Luedtke**

Every wooden nickel tells a story and that's one of the things that fascinated me so much that I got involved in collecting them. In 1951 the city of Evanston, Illinois put out 13 series of flat wooden nickels, totaling 89 pieces, to commemorate the centennial of Northwestern University. Each of the series has a story to tell, as follows.

**Centennial Hall** - Kresge Centennial Hall (1955) was built to commemorate Northwestern's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and named for the Kresge Foundation (which gave \$500,000 of the \$2.4 million cost of the building).

**John Evans** – A wealthy physician and businessman, he moved to Chicago where he founded Mercy Hospital, the Illinois Medical Society, was elected to the Chicago City Council, founded the Illinois Republican Party, ran for congress and was a friend of Abraham Lincoln. In addition to being a successful physician, he invented many surgical instruments, some of which are still in use. He was one of the founders of Northwestern University and he eventually became the Colorado Territory Governor from 1862-1865. Evanston is named after him.

**Glencoe** – City to the north of Winnetka. First settled by Anson Taylor in 1836 on the Fort Dearborn-Green Bay trail. It was first named Taylorsport. Most of the land was owned by a farmer, Matthew Coe, and the name may originate from "Coe's Glen" or Glencoe, Scotland.

**Glenview** – City to the west of Wilmette. Marquette and Joliet were said to have traveled through the area in 1673. 1832 marked the first permanent settlers. After the great Chicago fire in October 1871 a railroad was built from Chicago to Milwaukee to bring lumber south to rebuild Chicago. A meeting at a local tavern in 1899 came up with the name Glenview because you could view the glen from there.

**Lady Elgin** – Wisconsin was the site of the founding of the Republican Party and, in the presidential election of 1860, it was embroiled in states' rights and slavery issues. On September 7, 1860 the Lady Elgin, a double-decked side-wheeled steamer, departed Milwaukee for Chicago with a Democratic militia to attend a Stephen A. Douglas party rally. Around 11:30 PM the Lady Elgin, with up to 700 persons and 50 head of cattle, departed Chicago for Milwaukee. At 2:30 AM it collided with the schooner Augusta which was bound for Chicago with a load of Wisconsin lumber. Within 20 minutes the Lady Elgin sank in 60 feet of water and only 160 passengers were saved. Over 1000 Milwaukee children were orphaned.

**Grosse Point Light House** – A historic lighthouse built in 1873 in what was then known as Grosse Point. It sits on a point of land that juts into Lake Michigan and was built to guide ships on Lake Michigan.

**Orrington Lunt** – A strong Methodist and successful commodities broker was co-founder of Northwestern University and was responsible for the selection of the site for the university when, in 1865, he deeded 157 acres for creation of the university. He is credited as its most devoted servant and presided as president of the Board of Trustees in 1865. The university's first library was renamed Lunt Hall in his honor.

**McGaw Memorial Hall** – Also known as Shirley Welsh-Ryan Arena, which is the site for Northwestern University's basketball arena.

**Old College** – Northwestern University was founded in 1850 by John Evans, a strong Methodist and an idealistic young man dedicated to building a Christian university in the old Northwestern Territory. In 1851 Northwestern University was chartered by the state of Illinois. In 1855 a three-story frame structure, later known as Old College, was erected. The first classes were held in the structure in 1855, which still stands to this day.

**Skokie** – City bordering Evanston to the west. First settlers were from Germany and Luxembourg. Incorporated in 1888 as Niles Center and changed to Skokie in 1940.

**Frances Willard** – Born in New York, the family moved to Evanston in 1858 so that she could attend Northwestern Female College. She became the first Dean of Women at Northwestern University and was instrumental in the university becoming co-educational in 1869. From 1879 until her death in 1898 she promoted women's rights, suffrage, equal pay for equal work, an 8-hour day and temperance.

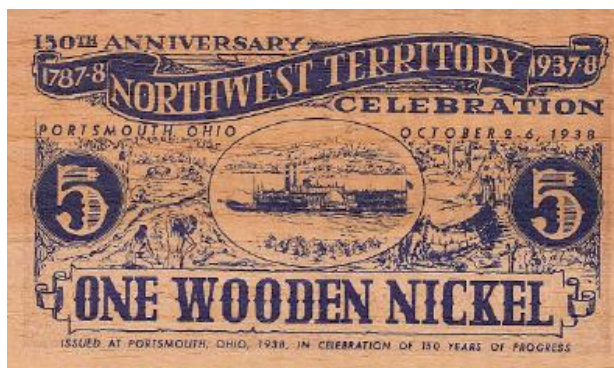
**Wilmette** – City bordering Evanston to the north. First settled about 1829 and incorporated in 1872. It was named after the first settler, a Frenchman named Ouilmette.

**Winnetka** – City to the north of Wilmette. Founded in 1836 by a family who built a tavern on the trail from Fort Dearborn, as Chicago was called back then, to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Incorporated in 1869.



## PORTSMOUTH, OHIO WOODEN NICKELS OF 1938

By: Darrell Luedtke



Norm Boughton once sent me a copy of an article that appeared in the Portsmouth Times on Sunday, October 2, 1938. I'll share it with you and, if you are a collector of official wooden nickel flats, you can take note.

In 1938 Portsmouth, Ohio issued wooden nickels as souvenirs of Portsmouth's celebration of the Northwest Territories sesquicentennial. The wooden nickels were printed on thin strips of wood and were negotiable up to noon on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1938 at the Chamber of Commerce.

There were five series of wooden nickels, each one representing some episode in Portsmouth's history and each with a different colored "face". There were 20,000 printed in each series – 100,000 in all. The first issue portrays the silhouette of Henry Massie, founder of Portsmouth, and is printed in foliage green to represent the forest which existed in the early days of Portsmouth. The second issue portrays a home in which Julia Marlowe, famous Shakespearean actress, lived in Portsmouth, and is printed in scarlet to represent the battles fought against the Indians in the settlement of Portsmouth. The third issue portrays the river schooner Bonanza, the first side-wheeler to ply the Ohio River and represents the valuable position in which Portsmouth is located in regard to transportation, and is printed in bronze blue to represent the beauty of the rich Ohio River valley. The fourth issue portrays a Serpent Mound and is printed in maroon to represent the ancient history of the Mound Builders, the pre-historic civilized people who discovered and carried out to a remarkable degree the fashioning of tools and utensils out of copper. The fifth issue portrays the Portsmouth Iron Works, the first local steel plant, and is printed in violet indicating modern industrial "streamlined" achievement.

Hundreds of wooden nickels were sent out of the city as souvenirs to friends and relatives of local residents. Thousands were retained in the city by collectors.

"A complete set consists of one of each of the five series printed with the grain of the wood extending horizontally, and one of each of the five series printed with the wood's grain extending vertically. One in every seven of the 'nickels' printed contained the vertical grain, while the other six have a horizontal grain."

This is the end of the information given in the article. Note that a complete set of the wooden nickels were purposely printed with the grain of the wood running both vertically and horizontally, with one in every seven of the wooden nickels printed with the grain running vertically. It is well known that the woods with grain running vertically break much easier and, therefore, assumed to be rarer. From this article we learn that the Chamber of Commerce deliberately printed one-seventh of the woods with a vertical grain, the type that would break easier, making them even rarer. I have noted woods grains in different directions on other woods and wonder if it was done on purpose.

## **HORSE & BUGGY DAYS**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Horse & Buggy Days official wood is available to collectors for 25¢ each plus SASE. Past issues are available. Add additional postage as appropriate. Mail your requests to Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

## **COLONIAL CRAFT FAIR**

The Middletown Area Historical Society held it's annual Colonial Craft Fair in Middletown on July 10 & 11, 2006 and issued 2 woods at that time. They can be ordered from the Society for 50¢ each plus SASE. To order write to the Middletown Area Historical Society, PO Box 248, Middletown, PA 17057.

## **NEW WOODEN MONEY ISSUES**

Do you know of any new wooden money? Send a photocopy if you can't send an original and we will put it in the newsletter.

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

Do you have any wooden money to trade, buy or sell? List it here and it will reach all IOWMC members. Many members have duplicates to woods in their collections and would be happy to share them with you.

Do you have a want list? Many members specialize in officials, semi-officials, coin clubs, personal, business, Sambo's, Dairy Queen, lighthouses, trains, ships, fraternal organizations and woods from their home states, counties or even cities. Let the world know what you need by running an advertisement.

Louisville Coin Club – 2006 show woods (2) for sale. \$1.00 for both postpaid. Mail payment to Bill Snider, PO Box 14402, Louisville, KY 40214.

Common mixed woods for sale – Mostly different for 6¢ each. Also trade, buy and sell commons and mavericks. Contact Bill Saitta at (727) 546-2110 or [wsaitta@earthlink.net](mailto:wsaitta@earthlink.net).

Dairy Queens and Sambo's – Trade, buy and sell. Bob Brown, PO Box 124, Highspire, PA 17034.

Wanted: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington – contact Del Cushing, PO Box 88984, Seattle, WA, 98138-2984.

Louisville, Kentucky wanted – Trade or sell. George Hepp, 9585 W. Knight Road, Hardinsburg, IN 47125 or [dghepp82@wmconnect.com](mailto:dghepp82@wmconnect.com)

Officials, semi-officials, coin club and Wisconsin – Trade, buy and sell. 75,000+ in inventory for trades or sale. Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132 or [dluedtke8@wi.rr.com](mailto:dluedtke8@wi.rr.com)

Wanted – Wooden medals from 1869, 1876, 1893, 1934 and others, including the boxes they came in. I have a couple holes and will pay top dollar. Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132 or [dluedtke8@wi.rr.com](mailto:dluedtke8@wi.rr.com)

See all this empty space. It could use your advertisement.

## **THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING MARCH 1, 2007**

### **Rounds**

1. Arizona, Apache Junction, Lost Dutchman Days – complete set of official rounds dated 1976 through 1986 totaling 48 woods. (MB \$24.00)
2. Arizona, Cottonwood, 1979, Centennial – complete set of 8 official woods (MB \$4.00)
3. Arizona, Mesa, 1978, Centennial – complete set of 8 official woods (MB \$4.00)
4. Arizona, Snowflake, 1978, Centennial – complete set of 8 official woods (MB \$4.00)
5. Iowa, Forest City, 1971, Frontier Days – complete set of all 23 woods that include the Chamber of Commerce and 22 businesses. Not listed in the Guide Book. (MB \$11.50)
6. Maryland, Cecil County, 1974, Tricentennial – complete set of all 273 wooden nickels. (MB \$136.50)
7. Pennsylvania, New Freedom – complete set of all official woods dated 1973 (21 centennial woods), as well as the complete sets of anniversary dates from 1974 through 1982 (5 woods from each year). Total of 66 woods. The anniversary dates of 1978 through 1982 are not listed in the Guide Book. (MB \$33.00)
8. Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, 1970, 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set that contains 7 series totaling 91 woods. (MB \$45.50)
9. Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, 1971, State College Centennial – complete set that contains 6 series totaling 132 woods. I'll throw in the 2 flats free. (MB \$66.00)
10. Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, 1976, USA Bicentennial – complete set that contains 5 series totaling 202 woods. (MB \$101.00)
11. Pennsylvania, Shrewsbury, 1984, Sesquicentennial – complete set that contains 2 series with 4 woods in Series I and 28 woods in Series II. Each wood in Series II has a letter and the complete series spells out "SHREWSBURY PA SESQUICENTENNIAL". Series II is not listed in the Guide Book. (MB \$16.00)

### **Flats**

12. Pennsylvania, Elysburg, Veterans Homecoming – complete set that contains all official flats issued from 1970 through 1987. 18 years of 3 woods each for a total of 54 woods. All of the flats in this set are serially numbered 126. Not easy to put together a set with the same serial numbers. (MB \$54.00)
13. 100 different official flats. Seller's choice. Guaranteed Guide Book value of \$500.00+. (MB \$100.00)

### **Miscellaneous - instant collections**

14. Canada collection – A great collection of at least 600 flats and 3,300 rounds with some duplication. Contains everything from soup to nuts including centennials, festivals, coin clubs and Christmas. It does not contain the 1937 flats, but does contain 14 Prince George spruce dollars including the 1958. Please don't ask whether individual woods are included because they are unsorted. However, they did belong to a CWMA member. Miscellaneous medals, pinbacks and books free. (MB \$300.00)
15. Pennsylvania coin club collection – a minimum of 1,500 all different round and flat coin club woods from Pennsylvania. (MB \$50.00)
16. Sambo's collection – these 3,513 woods are all pre-1976, all identified, and sorted by state and city. There are duplicates, but because of the variety of type sizes and colors I don't know how many duplicates there are. These sell for \$1.95 each on Ebay. Included are 404 invitation cards to grand openings. Lots of miscellaneous souvenirs such as balloons, match books, pinbacks, membership cards, and generic woods free of charge. (MB \$850.00)

All bids must be received by 9:00 PM CST on March 1, 2007

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Phone: 414-427-0391      Email: [dluedtke8@wi.rr.com](mailto:dluedtke8@wi.rr.com)

- (1) Bid by lot numbers. Bidders responsible for their errors.
- (2) All lots will be sold to the highest bidder above minimum bid (MB).  
Tie bids decided by earliest postmark. The club reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.
- (3) All bids and payments to be in U.S. funds. Make checks payable to Darrell Luedtke.
- (4) Postage will be paid by the seller in this one mail bid only. Insurance costs will be added to your bill. All lots will be mailed first class. Lots totaling \$10 or more will be insured unless you indicate differently on your bid. Lower cost lots will be insured at your request. Uninsured packages are at bidder's risk.
- (5) All lots guaranteed genuine. Any lot that is not as described may be returned.
- (6) If you overbid your pocketbook, ask for payment terms.



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### PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE

Dear Members,

This is the time of year to think about the coming election and annual meeting. Please give some thought about running for an office or give me a name of someone you think would be a candidate. We will need a full slate, President, 2 Vice presidents, Secretary, and Board of Governors (3). The only office that will not need is that of Treasurer. Del has offered to keep that position.

We also have a donation auction at the annual meeting. The IOWMC has always been very generous with their donations and support of our various programs. If you have any item that you would like to get rid of, and this does not have to be woods, we would love to have them to auction off. A good item is a year's dues that can be mailed out to those members who cannot attend the meeting but win an item.

I am open to suggestions for a meeting date. I am keeping in touch with the ANA about a date. For the last few years we have held the meeting on Wednesday. I have had some complaints about that day. I can make it any day, but I will have to let them know in plenty of time. I personally would like a Wednesday or Thursday, but am open to other days as well.

This year the meeting will be in Milwaukee. There are some hotels in the downtown area, but most are expensive. The Editor has an idea about a location on the outskirts of Milwaukee that is about a 20 minute drive from the convention center. More on that later.

*Bill Snider, President*

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**EDITOR'S REPORT**

Last month was my first month as temporary editor. A problem that I encountered is that 4 members were listed on the membership roster but they were not on the mailing list. They have since been added. After mailing the newsletters I had 5 of them returned. Your Secretary, Shelley, and I have done a lot of corresponding since then. For whatever reason, the membership roster did not match the mailing list and I've since updated the mailing list with the new addresses for 3 members. One member is having a problem with his mail not being delivered to his post office box and it was returned even though it was a correct address. The newsletter for Joe Herrman, PO Box 108, San Antonio, TX 33576-0108 was returned and I cannot find any telephone number belonging to him. Does anyone have any information about him? Please let us know if you change your address, have not received your copy of Bunyan's Chips or are having problems receiving it. We want to know so that we can correct the problem.

We are still looking for a permanent editor for Bunyan's Chips. A computer would be a plus because the format for the newsletter is on the computer and you would only have to cut and paste new information. However, if you can type your can manually cut and paste pages together. Copying is done by a local copy shop. The second hardest part of the job is folding, stapling and mutilating the newsletter, stuffing envelopes, adding address labels, return address labels and stamps. The hardest part is trying to open your mouth after licking 175 envelopes. (Smile)

*Darrell Luedtke*, Temporary Editor

**SECRETARY'S REPORT****NEW MEMBERS**

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Sponsor: Norm Boughton

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**DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES**

Let's get the dues mailed in for 2007! Send check or money order made out to IOWMC and mail to Shelley Quinn, Secretary, 5295 Beechwood Road, Ravenna, OH, 44266-9119. Dues for IOWMC remains the same as last year, \$7.50.

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Income – Dues	155.00
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Balance Forward 4/1/2007	\$2,592.75

Regular Savings

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**YOUR NEWSLETTER**

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**IOWMC ANNUAL MEETING**

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## TENINO SCRIP AND WOODEN MONEY

By Darrell Luedtke, Lignadenarist

First, let's set the record straight on the pronunciation of Tenino. The elevation of Tenino is 1,090 feet and the town took its name from its elevation, or ten-nine-oh. Tenino is located in the center of southern Thurston County, Washington, within easy reach of Puget Sound, the Pacific Ocean, the Columbia River and Mount Rainier National Park. Early industry included stone quarrying and the town prospered, especially after logging companies and mills moved to the area and agriculture began to flourish.

In 1931 the nation, and Tenino, were experiencing the Great Depression and money was scarce. In Tenino the local newspaper, The Thurston County Independent, advocated in November, 1931 that scrip be used to meet the currency shortage. On December 5, 1931 the emergency struck home with the failure of the Citizens Bank of Tenino. Joel Gould from Buckley came to act as liquidator. This tied up the accounts of the depositors and the money shortage became acute. The Chamber of Commerce struck up a deal with the defunct bank to issue scrip to meet the emergency and agreed to act as the Clearing House.

The Tenino Chamber of Commerce met and agreed to issue scrip to permit the depositors to assign 25% of their bank accounts to the Chamber "during the process of liquidation or within 6 months after the reorganization of Citizens Bank of Tenino." Don Major, publisher of the newspaper, proposed printing denominations of 25¢ on yellow bond paper without any fancy border, \$1.00 with a fancy green border, \$5.00 with a fancy orange border and \$10.00 with a fancy blue border. It was further agreed that the scrip would be printed on engraved pieces the size of paper money then in use.

The trustees of the Chamber of Commerce at that time were Don M. Major, publisher, who was born November 6, 1896 in Centerville, Michigan, Dr. F.W. Wichman, physician, who was born April 29, 1877 in Chicago and Dr. A.H. Meyer, dentist, who was born October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1904 in Merrill, Wisconsin. They agreed that they would each sign every piece of scrip that was issued and further agreed that they would sign according to age, so that Dr. Wichman's signature would appear first, Don Major's signature second and Dr. Meyer signature would be last.

The paper scrip was printed in December, 1931 and totaled \$3,255 and this allowed the townspeople to continue business among themselves as usual, which avoided almost certain disaster. \$1,279 was circulated and eventually the Chamber redeemed \$1,079.75 of this scrip.

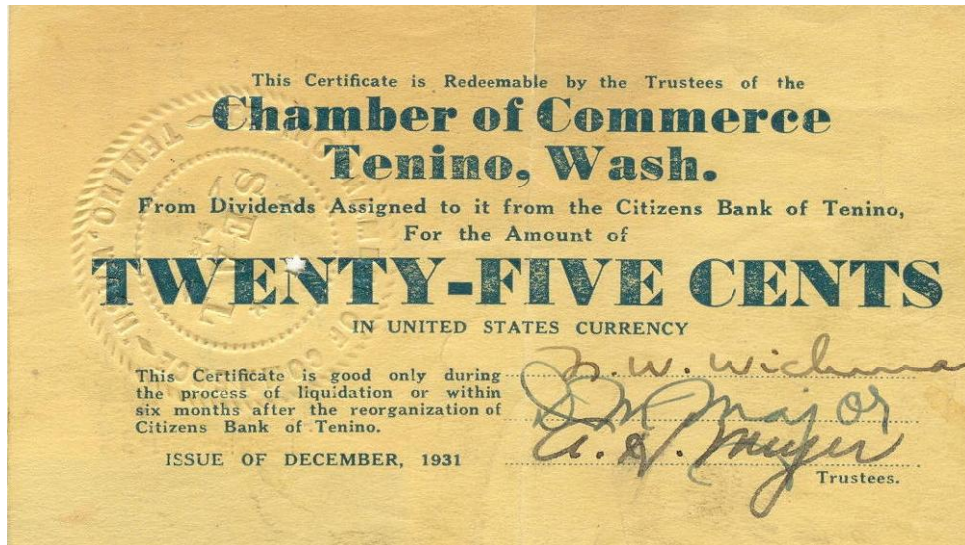
In December, 1931 Don Major printed novelty Christmas cards and business cards on rectangular pieces of slicewood, a new printing material, made of sheets of sitka spruce 1/80<sup>th</sup> of an inch thick. Mr. Albert Balch of Seattle, prevailed upon Don Major to print the scrip on slicewood instead of paper by claiming that wooden money would gain world-wide publicity. Mr. Major printed forty 25¢ pieces on slicewood and, as a result, became the father of wooden money in America.

In February, 1932 the publicity of Tenino wooden money began to snowball when the old Seattle Star carried a story about the wooden money, followed by the Tacoma News-Tribune, Oregonian, Seattle P-I and other newspapers. That month the Chamber of Commerce issued 2,600 25¢ pieces, 375 50¢ pieces and 100 \$1.00 pieces, but these differed from the original slicewood in that the sprucewood was sliced approximately 1/160<sup>th</sup> inch thick and a piece of bond paper was laminated between two thin pieces of wood to make them less fragile.

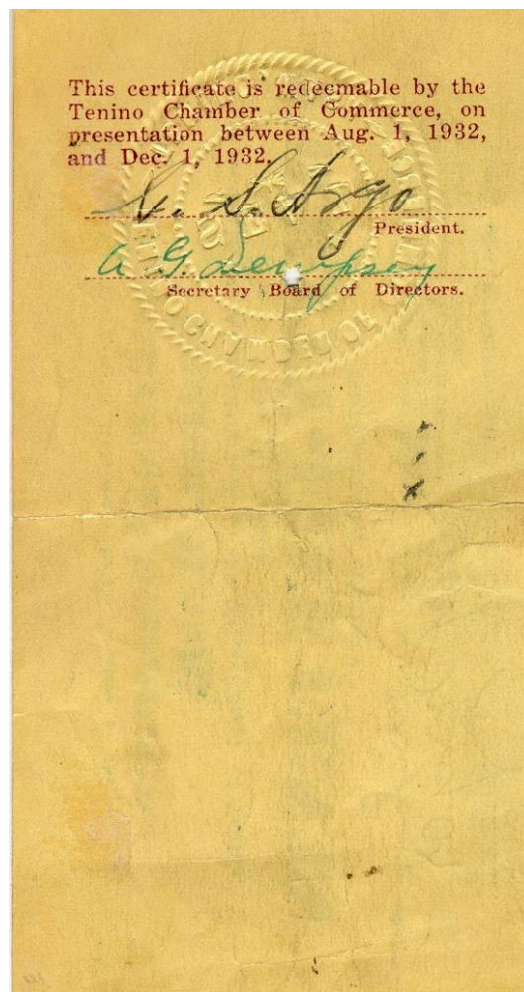
In March, 1932 the notoriety of the method of meeting the money shortage with the issuance of wooden money reached the halls of Congress and on April 7, 1932 it was featured in the Congressional Record. The story of Tenino wooden money spread throughout the world and collectors flooded the Chamber of Commerce with thousands of requests and many paid a premium for the scarce pieces. Orders from collectors and souvenir hunters came in increasing demand more pieces were issued up until April, 1933. In all, \$10,308 worth of wooden money was issued, of which only about \$40 was redeemed by the Chamber of Commerce.



To this day Tenino wooden money is actively sought by lignadenarists (wooden money collectors), exonumists and token collectors. Of the original forty 25¢ pieces issued in December, 1931, the whereabouts of only about 14 pieces are known and you'll be lucky to find one.



The 25¢ Tenino paper scrip was printed on yellow bond paper, bore the Chamber of Commerce seal and was signed by the trustees of the Chamber.

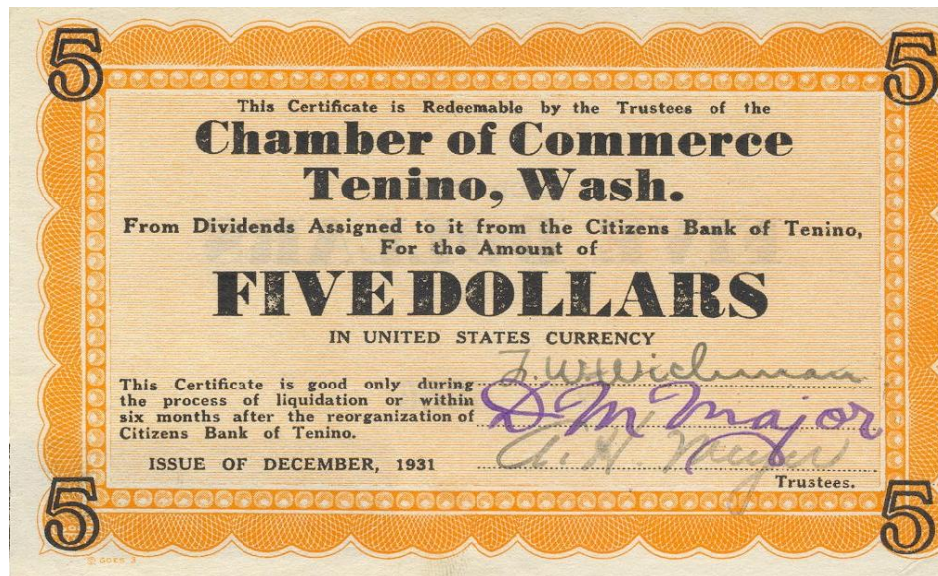


The reverse of the 25¢ paper scrip was countersigned by the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

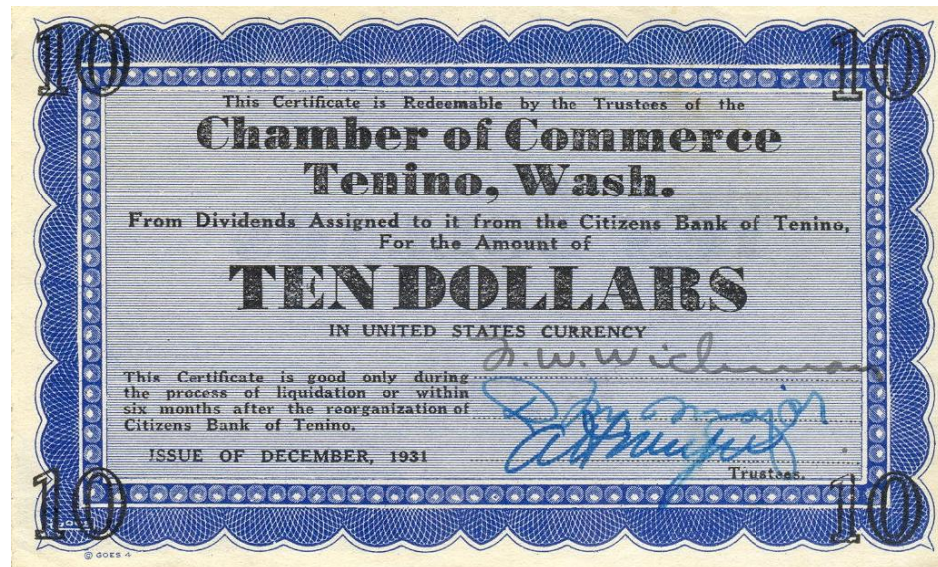




The \$1.00 paper scrip was printed with a fancy green border and background to deter counterfeiting.

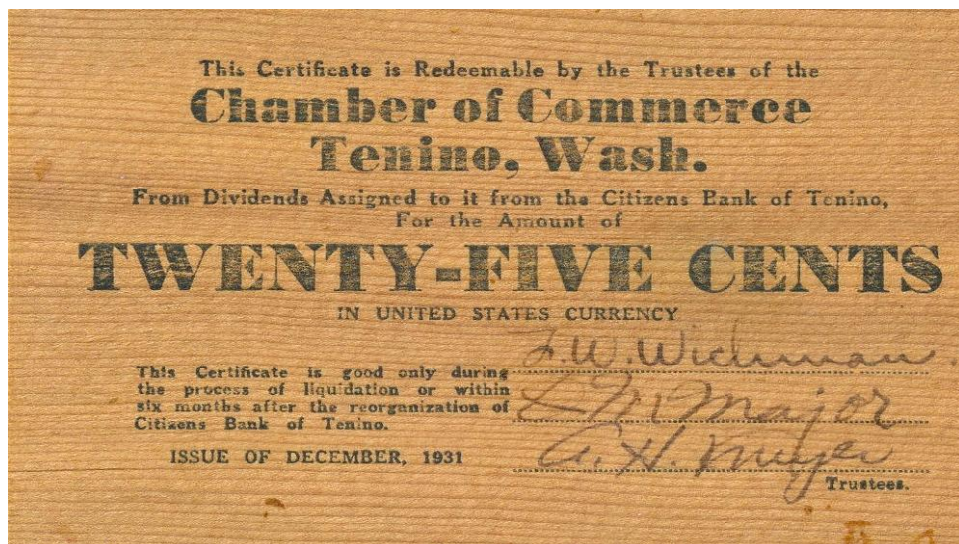


The \$5.00 paper scrip has a fancy orange border and background.



The \$10.00 paper scrip has a fancy blue border and background.





Forty pieces of scrip were printed in December, 1931 on spruce slicewood that is only 1/80<sup>th</sup> inch thick and is the same dimensions as paper scrip then in use. The reverse is blank.

**ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM**

**Nº 21** Tenino, Wash., 1-27 1932

For value, I assign to the Tenino Chamber of Commerce 25  
 per cent of the proved claim which I hold against the Citizens Bank  
 of Tenino, Tenino, Washington. Amount of assignment:

Amount of Claim.....\$	<u>224<sup>06</sup></u>
Amount of Prior	
Assignment .....	<u>\$ 0</u>
<i>This assignment</i>	<u>56<sup>00</sup></u>

For Liquidator. *James Irving*

**REGISTERED \$56 AND 00 CTS**

Probably even more valuable than the Tenino paper scrip or wooden money is an "Assignment of Claim". This assignment may have been covered by both paper scrip and wooden money issued in December, 1931 because nothing was printed by the Chamber of Commerce in January, 1932 and there wasn't enough wooden money in existence to cover the assignment.

**Note about ordering woods.** Depending upon the type of packaging, 4 x 1½" woods can be mailed in one envelope with first class postage. However, mailing varies. The rule is generally to figure on 2 woods per one 39¢ stamp. Add more postage if requesting more than 1 wood. If you send woods please remember to properly protect them. Virtually all mail passes through machines that bend the envelope and may break woods. Marking the envelope with "Hand stamp only" does not work because machines can't read.

### **HORSE & BUGGY DAYS**

Complete set of all regular issues from 1965 through 2006. 3 sets to sell @ \$47.00 each postpaid to first responders. Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

### **COLONIAL CRAFT FAIR**

The Middletown Area Historical Society held it's annual Colonial Craft Fair in Middletown on July 10 & 11, 2006 and issued 2 woods at that time. They can be ordered from the Society for 50¢ each plus SASE. To order write to the Middletown Area Historical Society, PO Box 248, Middletown, PA 17057.

### **CRESTON, OHIO**

2006 Creston, Ohio Ox Roast & Fish Fry - 50¢ plus SASE. 1985-2005 Ox Roast Woods also available at 50¢ plus SASE. 2005 Creston, OH marriage of John Bowers & Barbara Bouman - 35¢ plus SASE. 2006 Steven Sherer International Director of Lions Clubs - 75¢ plus SASE. Mail orders to: Wilbur Bowers, 106 Hemlock Drive, Creston, OH 44217.

### **DELAWARE COUNTY COIN CLUB**

The Delaware County Coin Club issued its annual wooden two cents" to commemorate the Franklin Mint Museum. The museum highlights coins and medals, features famous artists and cultural artifacts. Price is 50¢ plus SASE with 52¢ postage. Send to Wooden Two Cents, Delaware County Coin Club, PO Box 5252, Springfield, PA 19064. The club also has past issues available at 50¢ each.

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### **COW CHIP THROW**

The annual Cow Chip Throw wood for 2006 has been issued by the Beaver Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 878, Beaver, OK 73932. Price is 25¢ each plus SASE.

### **CHARLESTON COIN CLUB**

The Charleston, West Virginia Coin Club has issued a wood for their November 2006 coin show. They can be ordered for 50¢ each plus SASE. To order write to Don Clifford, PO Box 65, St. Albans, WV 25177-0065.

### **COMMON WOODS FOR SALE**

Mostly different for 6¢ each. Also trade, buy and sell commons and mavericks. Contact Bill Saitta at (727) 546-2110 or [wsaitta@earthlink.net](mailto:wsaitta@earthlink.net).

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## **THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING APRIL 1, 2007**

Note: The February mail bid had winning bids totaling \$714.13, of which \$71.41 goes to the IOWMC treasury. Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

### **Rounds**

1. Arizona, Wilcox, 1980, Centennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$4.00)
2. Arizona, Williams, 1981, Centennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$4.00)
3. California, Brawley, 1970, Cattle call & Rodeo – complete set of 14 (MB \$14.00)
4. Indiana, Brownstown, 1966, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$4.00)
5. Indiana, Cannelton, 1987, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
6. Indiana, Churubusco, 1979-1984, Turtle Days – 6 years (MB \$6.00)
7. Indiana, Crothersville, 1958, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
8. Indiana, Elkhart, 1958, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$3.00)
9. Indiana, Greensburg, 1959, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
10. Indiana, Jasper, 1966, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$3.00)
11. Indiana, Union City, 1949, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
12. Indiana, Washington, 1966, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$3.00)

### **Flats**

13. California, Fullerton, 1937, Golden Jubilee (First CA issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$ \$10.00)
14. California, Taft, 1950, Oildorado – complete set of 12 (MB \$24.00)
15. Connecticut, Stamford, 1941, Tercentenary – complete set of 6 (MB \$24.00)
16. Florida, Deland, 1951, Diamond Jubilee – complete set of 3 (MB \$30.00)
17. Florida, Hialeah, 1950, Silver Jubilee – complete set of 3 (MB \$30.00)
18. Florida, St. Petersburg, 1938 (First FL issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$30.00)
19. Florida, St. Petersburg, 1950, Festival of the States – complete set of 50 (MB \$100.00)
20. Florida, West Palm Beach, 1950, Jubilee/Seminole Sun Dance – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
21. Florida, West Palm Beach, 1951, Seminole Sun Dance – complete set of 6 (MB \$12.00)
22. Georgia, Atlanta, 1939, Gone With The Wind Movie Premier – complete set of 5 (MB \$500.00)
23. Idaho, Lewiston, 1936, Spalding Centennial (First ID Issue) (MB \$25.00)
24. Illinois, Kankakee, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$18.00)
25. Illinois, Lincoln, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$12.00)
26. Illinois, Moline, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$12.00)
27. Illinois, Murphysboro, 1950, Centennial – complete set of 8 (MB \$29.00)
28. Illinois, Oak Park, 1951, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 8 (MB \$16.00)
29. Illinois, Rantoul, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$18.00)
30. Illinois, Williamson County, 1939, Centennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$12.00)
31. Indiana, Batesville, 1952, Centennial – 10 words spelling out BATESVILLE (MB \$30.00)
32. Indiana, Chesterton, 1952, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
33. Indiana, Morocco, 1951, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
34. Indiana, North Vernon, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
35. Indiana, Union City, 1949, Centennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$8.00)
36. Indiana, Wabash, 1935, Wabash County Centennial (First IN issue) – complete set of 2 (MB \$45.00)
37. Indiana, Whitley County, 1938, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
38. Virginia, Clarke County, 1936, County Centennial (First VA issue) – (MB \$90.00)

All bids must be received by 9:00 PM CST on April 1, 2007

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- (4) Postage will be paid by the seller in this one mail bid only. Insurance costs will be added to your bill. All lots will be mailed first class.
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# BUNYAN'S CHIPS



## Official Newsletter for the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors

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### PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE

Dear Members,

Although we have almost enough people to fill the election slate, we still need a few more to run for office. We need more people to run other than the same ones that run all the time. We need fresh blood with new ideas. If you are not satisfied with the way the Club is run, now is the time to do something about it. Please let me know.

Since I will more than likely be attending the meeting this year and driving there, all donations for the raffle and auction can be sent to me. Please send them to me Bill Snider, PO Box 14402, Louisville, KY 40214. You can donate anything you wish. It does not have to be woods, as our Club represents, although that always makes a good item, but anything else will do very well. Memberships always are a very good and popular item. That is something we do not have to send out to the winners.

I have heard nothing from the Membership about what day would make the best meeting day. I have to get in touch with the ANA soon to make the arrangements. Unless I hear differently, I will try for Wednesday or Thursday.

*Bill Snider, President*

### CLUB OFFICERS

President	Bill Snider	PO Box 14402	Louisville, KY	40214-4132
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Board of Gov.	Bob Brown	PO Box 124	Highspire, PA	17034-0124
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Editor	Vacant			

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY CLUB OFFICER WITH ANY CLUB-RELATED BUSINESS



## EDITOR'S REPORT

I think that I finally have the mailing list cleaned up and current. Please remember that if you move you let us know.

The editor needs to know what you want to see in your newsletter. Thanks to some recent inquiries I learned that several collectors are interested in woods depicting lighthouses and I've included an article. However, I need more ideas. Remember that if you have a question there are probably other collectors with the same question. If I don't have the answer for you I surely have the contacts and we can get answers for you.

I am trying to vary my articles so that they include flats and rounds, officials and semi-officials, commons, and so on. I hope that this increases our knowledge base and gives you a reason to continue your membership.

The first thing that a collector should do is to familiarize themselves with the area of their collecting interest. Do not think that every wooden nickel is valued at what you see on internet, in the inventories of coin dealers, and in antique malls. If you do not have a copy of the Guide Book of Wooden Money I would suggest that you do so. They can be obtained from Wayne Dennis, 1852 Golden Shadow Drive, Henderson, NV 89002-8620. However, remember that the listed prices are from 1994 and current prices may be higher or lower. For general guidance, official flats start at \$5.00, official rounds at \$2.00, semi-officials at 50¢ and common woods at 10¢ each.

I want to share with you the sad loss of Barbara Ann Tyvela List, who lost her battle with cancer on March 12<sup>th</sup>. She and Clinton List were married in 1966, recently celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and had one daughter, Jennifer Anne. Clint has been a long-time and avid supporter of IOWMC and if you want to express your sympathy you can contact him at 78 Sugar Loaf Rd, Earlton, NY 12058-2301.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so now or this is the last Chips that you'll receive.  
*Darrell Luedtke*, Temporary Editor

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### NEW MEMBERS

Glenn Willis Jr. R-2416  
 2510 Speckles Lane  
 Redondo Beach, CA 90278  
 Sponsor: Norm Boughton

#### DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES

Dues have been coming in very slowly this year. We still have about 50 people who have not paid dues. Please check to see that you have a 2007 membership card. If not, get those dues in. This will be your last newsletter and I will be removing all unpaid members on April 15, 2007.

*Shelley Quinn*, Secretary

If your mailing label is highlighted in yellow you have not paid your dues and this will be your last issue of Bunyan's Chips.

### IOWMC ANNUAL MEETING

The IOWMC annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the ANA convention in Milwaukee on August 8-12, 2007. Plan to attend now.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – March 31, 2007

#### Regular Checking

Balance Forward	\$2,593.75
Advance Return	148.00
Income – 2007 Dues	105.00
Income – 2008 Dues	15.00
Donation	17.50
Expenses – Editor	186.00
Balance Forward 4/1/2007	\$2,692.76

#### Regular Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,556.60
Income: Interest	0.33
Ending Balance	\$2,556.93

#### Life Membership Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,626.78
Income: Interest	0.33
Ending Balance	\$2,627.11

### YOUR NEWSLETTER

This is your newsletter and we are always looking for articles. Do you have a story to tell about a wood in your collection? Let everyone know by sending it to the editor. If you can think of a subject but don't know how to write it down, contact the editor and we'll find someone to do it for you. You do not need to be the world's greatest writer, just an avid collector.

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### **SUPPLIES**

FOR SALE: Gently used display pages. 30 pocket - 6¢ each; 20 pocket - 10¢ each. Plus postage. Compare at 60¢ each new. Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

### **MYRTLEWOOD MONEY**

WANTED: Myrtlewood money from North Bend, Oregon. Sen information to Dallas E. Loomis, PO Box 93, Bruce, WI 54819.

### **SHIPPENSBURG WOODS**

FOR SALE: Complete wooden nickel sets. Shippensburg 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1970 (88 official woods) for \$65.00. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shippensburg College in 1971 (132 semi-official woods) for \$110.00. All woods in binders and plastic pages. Price includes postage. Wally Krocksko, 435 West Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown, PA 15021-1083. Ph: 724-947-5671.

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### **IDAHO WANTS**

WANTED: Wooden nickels, tokens, bottles, DAV keytags, encased coins, poker chips, Whetstones, Masonic pennies, bottle caps, chauffeurs badges, dog tags, cattle/animal ear tags, match covers/books, history books, pre-1940 telephone books and city directories, early Pocatello items, screwdrivers, button hooks, spinners, and openers. Greg Z. Manos, 719 Mountain Park Road, Chubbuck, ID 83292-1705.

### **ADS WANTED**

Have something to buy, sell or trade? Put your ad here. We will run your ad for 3 months

## THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING MAY 1, 2007

Note: Final figures are in for the February mail bid. Lot# - winning bid: 2 - \$4.25, 3 - \$4.25, 4 - \$4.25, 5 - \$32.80, 12 - \$55.00, 13 - \$110.25, 14 - \$503.33, 15 - \$65.00, 16 - \$1,255.00. Total - \$2,034.13. 10% to IOWMC = \$203.41. (I am waiting 15 days for the last of the mail bids to arrive before awarding the winning bids because some are delayed. It may take another week or two to get all the lots mailed out.) Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

### Rounds

1. Kentucky, Scott County, 1974, Bicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$4.00)
2. Kentucky, Scott County, 1975, Bicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
3. Maine, Skowhegan, 1973, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
4. Maine, Togus, 1966, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$4.00)
5. Maine, Winthrop, 1971, Bicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
6. Maryland, Cecil County, 1974, Tricentennial – complete set of 273 (MB \$125.00)
7. Massachusetts, Beckett, 1965, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$5.00)
8. Michigan, Buchanon, 1958, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$9.00)
9. New Hampshire, Greenville, 1972, Centennial – complete set of 20 (MB \$15.00)
10. New Hampshire, Henniker, 1968, Bicentennial – complete set of 15 (MB \$12.00)
11. New Hampshire, Northwood, 1973, Bicentennial – complete set of 20 (MB \$15.00)
12. New Hampshire, Rindge, 1968, Bicentennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$7.00)
13. New Hampshire, Stratham, 1966, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 5 (\$4.00)
14. New Jersey, Hammonton, 1966, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$4.00)
15. New Jersey, Millville, 1966, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$4.00)
16. New Jersey, Washington, 1968, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$4.00)
17. New Jersey, Woodbury, 1971, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$4.00)
18. New Mexico, Albuquerque, 1956, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 11 (MB \$9.00)

### Flats

19. Iowa, Burlington, 1938, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
20. Iowa, Council Bluffs, 1936, Centennial (First IA issue) – complete set of 2 (MB \$10.00)
21. Kansas, Harvey County (Newton), 1935, Historic Pageant (First KS issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$75.00)
22. Kansas, Russell, 1941, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Prairiesta – complete set of 9 (MB \$18.00)
23. Kansas, Russell, 1951, 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Prairiesta – complete set of 10 (MB \$20.00)
24. Maine, Vinalhaven, 1939, Sesquicentennial (First ME issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
25. Michigan, Adrian, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
26. Michigan, Ash Township (Carleton), 1937, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.50)
27. Minnesota, Chaska, 1951, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
28. Minnesota, Grand Rapids, 1941 – complete set of 5 (MB \$10.00)
29. Minnesota, Mankato, 1952, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
30. Minnesota, Red Wing, 1938, Centennial (First MN issue) – (MB \$10.00)
31. Minnesota, Rushford, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
32. Mississippi, Clarksdale, 1941, 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
33. Mississippi, New Albany, 1904, Centennial & Homecoming (First MS issue) – (MB \$75.00)
34. Missouri, Hannibal, 1935, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of birth of Mark Twain (First MO issue) – set of 3 (MB \$37.50)
35. Montana, Helena, 1939, Diamond Jubilee (First MT issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.50)
36. Montana, Helena, 1949, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Discovery of Gold (First MT issue) – set of 10 (\$20.00)
37. Nebraska, Nebraska City, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$50.00)
38. New Hampshire, Hampton, 1938, 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (First NH issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$20.00)
39. New Jersey, Bridgeton, 1936, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (First NJ issue) – (MB \$5.00)
40. New Mexico, Carlsbad, 1936, Cavern City Cavalcade (First NM issue) – (MB \$75.00)
41. Virginia, Front Royal, 1936, Centennial - 5¢, Green (MB \$37.50)

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Dear Members,

The first thing this month is the raffle tickets you will find in this month's newsletter. There are 10 tickets and the cost is 50 cents each. The envelope is addressed to me at PO Box 14402, Louisville, KY 40214. If you want extra tickets, I will have more here. Just enclose the extra money and tell me how many you want. I will fill them out and put them in the basket for the drawing.

I am also taking any donations for the raffle/auction that will be held at the annual meeting. You may donate anything you wish. I have received a few boxes of woods already along with some money to be used as yearly dues. The dues make a great donation as we do not have mail them out to the winners.

I hope by next month I will have a list of the items donated so anyone that cannot attend the meeting can send in a bid on the items. Your bids will be held until the meeting and entered so you will have an opportunity to win.

I have been in touch with the ANA about a meeting room and I am happy to say that we will meet on August 8 at 9:00AM.

Darrell has told me there are several motels in his neighborhood that are inexpensive. This means we will not have to pay upwards of \$100 per night. As is our usual practice, we can use one car for as many as 5 people to drive to the convention center. The only expense will be parking. Split up among 4 or 5 people it shouldn't cost us much.

I have enough nominations to fill the ballot for the election. However we can use a few more to make a race of it.

If you have never attended an annual meeting, I urge you to do so. We have a great time at the actual meeting. Afterward, we meet at the motel and do a little swapping, buying and selling. It makes for a wonderful time. Darrell has many extras. I am looking forward to going through his to fill a few holes in my collection.

*Bill Snider, President*

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**EDITOR'S REPORT**

I have reserved a block of rooms until July 9<sup>th</sup> at Exel Inn of Milwaukee South in Oak Creek. Rates \$49.99 for a 1 person/double bed, \$53.99 for 1 person/queen bed and \$59.99 for 2 persons/2 double beds for August 7/9. The rates are about \$10.00 higher for August 10. The hotel is located adjacent to I-94 and is 8 miles from the convention center. Parking downtown is \$12.00 but there is a freeway flyer within ½ mile of the hotel which will take you to the convention center for \$2.25. The hotel offers free continental breakfast, 27" cable TV, whirlpool, laundry, fitness room, free local phone calls. Please make your reservations early because Milwaukee is a center of activity and this includes the State Fair the same week. Reservations can be made through the chain's (800) 367-3935 number. Be sure to mention your organization as "IOWMC".

I recently purchased new labels and it will be much easier, faster and cheaper to create labels in the future. I added your membership number to the new label. Please update us on any address changes. Every month I have issues returned because we didn't know that you had moved. This means a second mailing.

Speaking of mailing newsletters, please be aware that the new postage rates are effective May 14<sup>th</sup>. The postage will increase from 39¢ to 41¢ for first class postage, which includes our newsletters. This will increase our expenses by about \$3.48 per month, or \$41.76 per year. Bill already mentioned the raffle tickets that are included in this mailing. That, together with the donated materials for the auction, are our main methods of paying for expenses such as mailing of the newsletters since your dues barely cover the cost of printing. Please think about buying some tickets or donating to the auction. (Please note that the raffle is purely voluntary. If you do not believe in gambling please throw them away.)

The editor needs to know what you want to see in YOUR newsletter. We need your suggestions for articles. I have had a few great suggestions recently and you will see these articles in the next couple issues. Note that you don't have to write the article, although that would be nice, but only suggest a topic and I'll take it from there. We need to address your wants so please let us know what they are.

*Darrell Luedtke, Temporary Editor*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT****NEW MEMBERS**

Glenn Willis Jr. R-2416  
2510 Speckles Lane  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278  
Sponsor: Norm Boughton

**DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES**

Dues have been coming in very slowly this year. We still have many people who have not paid dues. Please check to see that you have a 2007 membership card. If not, get those dues in. This will be your last newsletter and I will be removing all unpaid members on April 15, 2007.

*Shelley Quinn, Secretary*

If your mailing label is highlighted in yellow you have not paid your dues and this will be your last issue of Bunyan's Chips.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – April 17, 2007**Regular Checking

Balance Forward	\$2,692.26
Income: February Mail Bid	203.41
Income: Dues	15.00
Income: Donation	2.50
Expenses: Editor	(198.41)
Ending Balance	\$2,715.06

Regular Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,556.93
Ending Balance	\$2,556.93

Life Membership Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,627.11
Ending Balance	\$2,627.11

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**Note about ordering woods as of May 14th.** Depending upon the type of packaging, the general rule is to figure on 2 woods per one 41¢ stamp due to padding or stiffening that is required. Add a 17¢ stamp for each additional ounce. If you send woods please remember to properly protect them. Virtually all mail passes through machines that bend the envelope and may break woods. Marking the envelope with "Hand stamp only" does not work because machines can't read. If you want to make your envelope "non-machinable" you need to write "hand cancel only" prominently on the front and add an additional 17¢ stamp.

### **SUPPLIES**

FOR SALE: Gently used display pages. 30 pocket - 6¢ each; 20 pocket - 10¢ each. Plus postage. 100 pages with postage are \$12.50. Compare at 60¢ each new. Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

### **MYRTLEWOOD MONEY**

WANTED: Myrtlewood money from North Bend, Oregon. Sen information to Dallas E. Loomis, PO Box 93, Bruce, WI 54819.

### **SHIPPENSBURG WOODS**

FOR SALE: Complete wooden nickel sets. Shippensburg 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1970 (88 official woods) for \$65.00. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shippensburg College in 1971 (132 semi-official woods) for \$110.00. All woods in binders and plastic pages. Price includes postage. Wally Krocksco, 435 West Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown, PA 15021-1083. Ph: 724-947-5671.

### **PERSONAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT**

A California general contractor would like to trade his "business card" wood for yours. His wood reflects his business name (WOODCARVER), logo and license number, as well as being a \$10.00 discount coupon for business. Also collects woods for fundraisers for CERT Teams or Fire Departments. Glenn Willis Jr., 2510 Spreckels Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 92078

### **LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB**

FOR SALE: 2006 show woods (2). \$1.00 for both postpaid. Mail payment to Bill Snider, PO Box 14402, Louisville, KY 40214.

### **LIGHTHOUSES**

WANTED: "Lighthouse historian" is interested in woods with a lighthouse theme. He already has the two Lake Erie series issued by POWMC. Dennis Skea, 25 Argent Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Email at dpskea@hotmail.com.

### **NEW WOODEN MONEY ISSUES**

NEW WOODS FOR SALE: Mattoon, Illinois sesquicentennial in 2005. Wood County, Wisconsin sesquicentennial in 2006. Thor, Iowa and Buda, Texas 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary woods in 2006. Each of these is available for \$1.00 each postpaid from Ken Paulsen, PO Box 242327, Overland, MO 63114-0327.

### **COMMON WOODS FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: Mostly different for 6¢ each. Also trade, buy and sell commons and mavericks. Contact Bill Saitta at (727) 546-2110 or [wsaitta@earthlink.net](mailto:wsaitta@earthlink.net).

### **DAIRY QUEEN, SAMBO'S, ETC.**

WANTED: Alaska; Alpenrose; Dairy Queens; McDonald; Quoddy Mocassins; Louisville, KY and Hazel Dell, WA Bicentennial Sambos, Vallejo CC 3<sup>rd</sup> Show; Parkersburg, WV CC 1966 wooden mint set; Three Stooges – Larry; Sambos; plus official rounds & flats. Bob Brown, PO Box 124, Highspire, PA 17034.

### **LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY WANTED**

TRADE OR SELL. George Hepp, 9585 W. Knight Road, Hardinsburg, IN 47125 or [dghepp82@wmconnect.com](mailto:dghepp82@wmconnect.com)

### **IDAHO WANTS**

WANTED: Wooden nickels, tokens, bottles, DAV keytags, encased coins, poker chips, Whetstones, Masonic pennies, bottle caps, chauffeurs badges, dog tags, cattle/animal ear tags, match covers/books, history books, pre-1940 telephone books and city directories, early Pocatello items, screwdrivers, button hooks, spinners, and openers. Greg Z. Manos, 719 Mountain Park Road, Chubbuck, ID 83292-1705.

## THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING JUNE 1, 2007

Note: Final figures are in for the March mail bid. Lot# - winning bid: 1 - \$4.00, 2 - \$4.00, 3 - \$14.00, 4 - \$4.25, 5 - \$4.00, 6 - \$6.00, 7 - \$5.00, 9 - \$6.00, 10 - \$3.00, 11 - \$10.00, 12 - \$3.00, 13 - \$14.00, 14 - \$25.00, 15 - \$25.00, 19 - \$110.00, 21 - \$12.00, 23 - \$26.00, 24 - \$19.00, 25 - \$12.50, 26 - \$12.80, 27 - \$29.00, 28 - \$25.00, 30 - \$13.00, 31 - \$34.00, 32 - \$10.00, 33 - \$10.00, 34 - \$7.00, 35 - \$9.00, 36 - \$45.00, 37 - \$6.80, 38 - \$100.00. Total = \$609.10. 10% to IOWMC = \$60.91. Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

### Rounds – all New York

1. Addison, 1958, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)
2. Amherst, 1968, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
3. Bolivar (Town), 1975, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
4. Buffalo, 1977, Peace Bridge Golden Anniversary – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
5. Chatham, 1969, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
6. Chili (Town), 1972, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 20 (MB \$20.00)
7. Churchville, 1967 Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
8. Eden, 1962, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$8.75)
9. Frankfort, 1963, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$8.75)
10. Hamburg (Town), 1962, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
11. Hamburg (Village), 1974, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
12. Menands, 1974, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 5 (MB \$6.25)
13. Mendon-Honeoye Falls, 1963, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
14. Middletown, 1963, Diamond Jubilee – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
15. Monticello, 1938, Chamber of Commerce, 3” - Green/Black (MB \$4.00)
16. Morris, 1970, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
17. Plattsburg, 1964, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Plattsburg – complete set of 5 (MB \$10.00)
18. Ripley, 1966, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$8.75)
19. Schoharie Valley, 1962, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 6 (MB \$9.00)
20. Sidney, 1972, Bicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
21. Spencerport, 1967, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$7.50)
22. Troy, 1966, Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$10.00)
23. Walton, 1985, Bicentennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$6.00)

### Flats – all New York

24. Auburn, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
25. Binghamton, 1934, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation (First NY issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$18.75)
26. Cobleskill, 1952, 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
27. Gowanda, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$25.00)
28. Hoosick Falls, 1952, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 6 (MB \$15.00)
29. Hornell, 1951, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
30. Lake George, 1938, Bicentennial of Sir William Johnson – (MB \$4.50)
31. Monticello, 1954, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$22.50)
32. Mount Vernon, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
33. Olean, 1954, Sesquicentennial – 5¢ “O” (MB \$20.00)
34. Olean, 1954, Sesquicentennial – 5¢ “L” (MB \$20.00)
35. Olean, 1954, Sesquicentennial - 5¢ “E” (MB \$20.00)
36. Oneonta, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
37. Phelps, 1939, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 10 (MB \$29.25)
38. Scotia, 1954, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
39. Syracuse, 1940, State Fair Centennial – Series 1, 2 & 3 complete, 29 woods total (MB \$45.00)
40. Syracuse, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$12.00)
41. Utica, 1948, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
42. Waverly, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 2 (MB \$10.00)
43. Yates County, 1948, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 4 (MB \$10.00)

All bids must be received by phoned, e-mailed or postmarked by 9:00 PM CST on June 1, 2007

Mail to: Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132

Phone: 414-427-0391 Email: [dluedtke8@wi.rr.com](mailto:dluedtke8@wi.rr.com)

- (1) Bid by lot numbers. Bidders responsible for their errors.
- (2) All lots will be sold to the highest bidder above minimum bid (MB). Tie bids decided by earliest postmark. The club reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.
- (3) All bids and payments to be in U.S. funds. Make checks payable to Darrell Luedtke.
- (4) Postage will be paid by the seller in this mail bid. Insurance costs will be added to your bill if you desire insurance. All lots will be mailed first class.
- (5) All lots guaranteed genuine. Any lot that is not as described may be returned.
- (6) If you overbid your pocketbook, ask for payment terms.



# DUNYAN'S CHIPS



## Official Newsletter for the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors

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### PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE

Dear Members,

Just two months until the annual convention and meeting. I would like to see some of the newer members show up at the meeting. I would like so much to meet new people. I know most of the ones that have been around for a while. If you can at all make it to Milwaukee, please do.

Just a reminder, the meeting will take place on Wednesday August 8, at 9:00 AM. We will also have a table on the bourse floor to hand out free woods to anyone interested. I have 200-300 that I am bringing and I am sure that there will be others that will bring some with them.

I have received quite a number of items to raffle off at the meeting. I will do my best to have a list by next month so anyone who cannot attend, might want to bid by mail. We will sell that way also. There is never a reserve on any item.

Anyone that has not made reservations, the rooms will be held at the special price only until July 9. After that date, we cannot guarantee the price or availability. Call 1-800-367-3935. The motel is Excel Inn of Milwaukee.

In this issue, you will find the ballot for the upcoming election. Please vote because your vote counts. Be sure to have the ballot in the hands of John Wilson by July 31, as he is leaving early for the convention.

*Bill Snider, President*

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**EDITOR'S REPORT**

To add to what Bill said in his message, I recently learned that the main convention hotels in downtown Milwaukee have already been booked to capacity. I am sure that attendees will be searching for other hotels so it is important that you register now at Exel Inn. Reservations can be made through the chain's (800) 367-3935 number. Be sure to mention your organization as "IOWMC".

Milwaukee is a truly vibrant city with festivals every weekend and lots of *gemutlichkeit* (hospitality). The convention committee has a magnificent agenda planned for tours of the brewery, domed Miller stadium, homes of the beer barons, Old World Wisconsin, and on and on. Milwaukee's motto is "A Great Place On A Great Lake" and it hosts the largest, longest running, outdoor music festival in the world. Milwaukee was designed by the socialists who ensured that public parks would line the lakefront and rivers throughout the city. And if you come for the convention, remember that this is the one time each year that members meet to swap woods and tales. A great time will be had by all.

We have lost 22 members and our membership total is now 152, down significantly from the 200+ it was a couple years ago. Please talk to other collectors who are not members and get them interested in joining. We have many benefits, not the least of which is networking with other collectors to add to your collection, realize what woods are worth so that you don't overpay, and knowing the collectors are the best of people you'd ever want to meet. Your collection is only worth what someone will pay for it and without a vibrant membership that is steadily on the rise your collection is only worth the pride you have built into it.

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*Darrell Luedtke*, Temporary Editor

**SECRETARY'S REPORT****CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

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Ladysmith, WI 54848-9708

William D. Gsell R-1982  
1916 Current Street  
Liberty, MO 64068-8473

**DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES-DUES**

Dues have been coming in very slowly this year. We still have many people who have not paid dues. Dues are \$7.50 and checks should be made out to "IOWMC". Send your dues to me at the address given on page 1 so I can update your membership record and then I will send the check to Del Cushing, Treasurer.

*Shelley Quinn*, Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT – May 14, 2007**Regular Checking

Balance Forward	\$2,714.76
Income: February Mail Bid	60.91
Income: Dues	15.00
Expenses: Editor	(138.68)
Ending Balance	\$2,651.99

Regular Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,556.93
Income: Interest	0.23
Ending Balance	\$2,556.93

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Beginning Balance	\$2,527.11
Income: Interest	0.27
Ending Balance	\$2,627.38

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## THE ILLEGAL MONROE WOODEN NICKEL

By: Darrell Luedtke



This is a lesson in history of the only illegal wooden nickel to have ever been issued. In 1964 Monroe, Wisconsin was a small city in south-central Wisconsin whose claim to fame was that it was the cheese capital of the world. Silver prices were rising and everyone began hoarding their silver coins, thereby creating a shortage of coins in circulation. The First National Bank of Monroe took an innovative step and printed and issued 20,000 wooden nickels that could be redeemed at face value, thereby alleviating a shortage of circulating change. However, the Treasury Department took a dim view of the bank creating its own money and ordered the bank to redeem the wooden nickels. As a follow-up to their order the U.S. Attorney took the drastic step of obtaining a “search and seizure” order from the federal court. During the subsequent search of the bank by U.S. Marshals on June 4, 1964 a total of 450 wooden nickels were seized, photos were taken and the whole atmosphere appeared to be something out of the wild, wild west.

I don't know if it is still illegal to possess one of these wooden nickels but I occasionally find one at local flea markets. The going price these days is usually about \$10.00 and the dealers typically know the story behind them. Since I rarely see them I wonder what happened to the 19,550 that were never turned in. I would think that as long as you regarded them as collector's items and didn't try to cash them in you should have no problem. If you want one of these unique pieces of history, they are for \$8.52 each postpaid by writing Darrell Luedtke at 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.



U.S. TREASURY SAYS NO — The wooden nickel business in Wisconsin has ended. U.S. Atty. Nathan Heffernan of Madison shows last of coins confiscated from a Monroe, Wis., bank. The U.S. Treasury told the bank to stop issuing them after 20,000 went into circulation and became collector's item. The bank said it used them to relieve coin shortage. Heffernan said the U.S. plans no prosecution of bank officials.



## INDEX OF COIN CLUB ISSUES AVAILABLE

By: Darrell Luedtke

If you collect wooden nickels that were issued by coin clubs and other numismatic organizations like I do you probably get as frustrated as I do at times when you run into a wood that has the name of the club but it does not bear the city or state.

One member recently asked me if there was an index that listed all the coin clubs by name, alphabetically, and I had to reply that there wasn't. Then I remembered that another club member, Bob Brown, had a partial list and, thanks to Bob, it gave me a starting point. My goal was to complete this list and publish it in Bunyan's Chips for the benefit of all club members.

Over the next few days I worked hard going through my collection and my project was completed, only to find a new coin club wood the next day. Yes, my friends, the story of wooden money. Every time you think you have a list complete up pops a new wood that you didn't know about.

My completed index lists all woods that were issued by numismatic organizations in the United States. It is 18 pages in length and includes 1,031 organizations. Needless to say it's too long to print in Bunyan's Chips but if you want a copy please send \$3.00 for a postage paid copy.

### SPARTA, WISCONSIN 1951 CENTENNIAL WOODS

By: Darrell Luedtke

In 1951 Sparta, Wisconsin issued a set of wooden money flats in denominations of 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢, all with black printing. A couple months ago I was talking with another member, Dave Hunsicker, about why the set was so rare and, for everyone's benefit, here's what I told him.

I have been to Sparta and the area many times searching for the set of woods. I have only been able to find two woods in all those trips. One day I was in an antique store and I asked the owner, an old-timer, if he knew why they were so rare. Luckily, I must've asked the only guy in town that knew what happened. He pointed to the east and told me that they "drank them all up". Now, for your information, down the road to the east is the huge Fort McCoy Military Reservation, which has been used as a staging area to train and deploy troops for World War II, the Korean conflict, Vietnam War and now the Iraqi War.

Back in 1951 there were thousands of troops stationed at Fort McCoy who were getting ready to ship out to Korea. That is, thousands of very thirsty troops. According to the old-timer, most of the wooden money went to the Military Reservation to entice the troops to come to town and join in the centennial celebration. They did come to town...straight to the nearest watering hole because a wooden quarter could buy 5 beers in those days. Now as you may know, cancellation of a wooden flat was done by breaking it and that is exactly what happened at the watering holes. They were broken when they were redeemed.

And that, my friends, is the story of the scarce Sparta centennial set of wooden money. If you have one in your collection, cherish it. Do any of you have any stories on why a particular wood is rare? Please share it with the members.

### LOGANVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA WOODS WITH ERRORS

By: Darrell Luedtke

Do you have the 16 piece set of wooden nickels that were issued by Loganville, Pennsylvania for the sesquicentennial in 1970? Take another look at them. Half of them have the city spelled Logansville. (Many thanks to Clinton List for sharing this information.)

Loganville, 1970 (Sesquicentennial)

(\* Mis-spelled "Logansville")

*Horse & Cart	5¢	Red	*Purse	5¢	Brown
*Apple	5¢	Red	*Cigar	5¢	Brown
Trumpet	5¢	Red	Hide	5¢	Brown
Horse & Cart	5¢	Blue	Cigar	5¢	Black
*Bucket	5¢	Blue	*Hide	5¢	Black
Spade & Pick	5¢	Blue			
			Purse	5¢	Green
Bucket	5¢	Purple	*Spade & Pick	5¢	Green
*Trumpet	5¢	Purple	Apple	5¢	Green

# IOWMC BALLOT 2007

PLEASE MARK YOUR CHOICES IN THE SPACE MARKED. DUE TO AN ERROR, THE LAST ELECTION HAD ALL 3 GOVERNORS ELECTED. THE GOVERNORS ARE ELECTED TO A 3 YEAR TERM, 1 GOVERNOR EACH YEAR. BOB BROWN AND RICH BOYLES HAVE AGREED TO STAY IN OFFICE UNTIL THE PROPER TIME OF A NEW ELECTION THERE WILL ONLY BE 1 GOVERNOR ELECTED THIS YEAR. PLEASE MARK YOUR BALLOT BESIDE YOUR CHOICE.

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PRESIDENT  
DARRELL LUEDTKE \_\_\_\_\_  
WRITE IN CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

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VICE PRESIDENT I  
KENNETH PAULSEN \_\_\_\_\_  
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VICE PRESIDENT II  
LARRY WHITE \_\_\_\_\_  
WRITE IN CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

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SECRETARY  
MAURINA BOUGHTON \_\_\_\_\_  
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DAVID CLOUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
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UPON COMPLETING YOUR VOTE, PLEASE FOLD IT IN THIRDS, TAPE OR STAPLE IT, AND MAIL TO THE PERSON JOHN WILSON, 9353 SW 92ND PLACE RD, OCALA, FL 34481-6502. MAKE SURE THE NOTE "IOWMC BALLOT" IS SHOWING. IF YOU PREFER TO USE AN ENVELOPE, PLEASE ADDRESS IT AS ABOVE. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 31, 2007 TO BE COUNTED.



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4. Goldsboro, 1947, Centennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$20.00)
5. High Point, 1938, Pageant of Progress (First NC Issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
6. High Point, 1951, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
7. North Wilkesboro, 1940, Fiftieth Anniversary – complete set of 3 (MB \$15.00)
8. Polk County (Tryon), 1955, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
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11. Watauga County (Boone), 1949, Centennial – complete set of 8 (MB \$20.00)
12. Wilmington, 1939, Bicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
13. Wilson, 1940, Tobacco Exposition & Festival – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
14. Yadkin County (Yadkinville), 1950, Centennial – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)

**North Dakota – All Flats**

15. Bismarck, 1939, North Dakota Golden Jubilee (First ND Issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
16. Fargo, 1950, Diamond Jubilee – complete set of 21 (MB \$63.00)
17. Wahpeton, 1940, Festival of the Falling Leaves – complete set of 5 (MB \$15.00)

**Ohio – All Flats**

18. Ada, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)
19. Barnesville, 1953, Ohio Sesquicentennial – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)
20. Bellaire, 1953, Ohio Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
21. Bellevue, 1935, Cherry Blossom Festival – complete set of 2 (MB \$50.00)
22. Cincinnati, 1938, Northwest Territory 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Thick 5/Block “No.” – complete set of 7 (MB \$12.00)
23. Delphos, 1951, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
24. Fostoria, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 32 (MB \$80.00)
25. Fredericktown, 1950, Centennial – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
26. Greene County (Xenia), 1953, Triple Sesquicentennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$10.00)
27. Lakewood, 1939, Semi-Centennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$20.00)
28. Lebanon, 1952, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
29. Lisbon, 1953, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
30. Mercer County (Celina), 1953, Ohio & Mercer County Sesquicentennial – complete set of 7 (MB \$17.50)
31. Mt. Victory, 1951, Centennial (MB \$5.00)
32. Nelsonville, 1938, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
33. Pataskala, 1951, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
34. Quincy, 1939, Centennial (MB \$30.00)
35. Ross County (Chillicothe), 1938, Northwest Territory 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$20.00)
36. Springfield, 1938, Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
37. Steubenville, 1947, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
38. Toledo, 1934, Pearson Park Dedication (First OH Issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$12.50)
39. Tuscarawas County, 1953, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$30.00)
40. Uhrichsville, 1939, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
41. Van Wert County, 1953, Ohio Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
42. Vermillion, 1937, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$15.00)
43. Vinton County (McArthur), 1950, Centennial – complete set of 2 (MB \$7.50)
44. Warren, 1938, Western Reserve Historical Celebration – complete set of 6 (MB \$15.00)
45. Zanesville, 1947, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$10.00)

**Washington – Uncut sheet**

46. Blaine, 1933, Uncut 8½” x 11” sheet (First documented wooden nickels) – (MB \$140.00)

All bids must be received by phoned, e-mailed or postmarked by 9:00 PM CST on July 1, 2007

Mail to: Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132

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- (1) Bid by lot numbers. Bidders responsible for their errors.
- (2) All lots will be sold to the highest bidder above minimum bid (MB). Tie bids decided by earliest postmark. The club reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.
- (3) All bids and payments to be in U.S. funds. Make checks payable to Darrell Luedtke.
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### PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE

Dear Members,

This will be my last official letter as President of the club. I will say that I have enjoyed every day that I have held this position. I will have a message in the next edition of "CHIPS" telling of the outcome of the raffle, auction sales, and general happenings at the meeting in Milwaukee.

I will still be a member and be around to lend a hand on any help or support anyone may have. I will work hard to help build up the club's membership, which has been steadily dropping for the last several years. I have some ideas that I will bring up at the meeting. I wish everyone could be there. Usually we all have a good time. The ANA is good enough to furnish a meeting room as well as a booth on the floor to pass out wooden nickels as well as information on our club in particular and the hobby generally.

We have about one hundred lots to auction off and quite a few items to put in the raffle. This includes over twenty membership dues for one year. Different members have donated woods and other items to be auctioned, sold or raffled off. There will be official woods as well as personal woods and coin club woods. A list is enclosed in this issue of "CHIPS". Please bid on any item(s) that strikes your fancy. If tied bids show up, the earliest postmark will win the item. I urge to bid high.

Our meeting will be at the convention center starting at 9:00am on August 8, 2007. Please try to attend.

*Bill Snider, President*

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Bunyan's Chips is published 11 times annually and the July/August issue is a combined edition. Do not expect one next month because we will be gearing up for the convention. The next issue will be in September and will include news from the convention.

Everyone should plan on attending the convention. Bring your families with you. Gas prices have been under \$3.00 per gallon for the past 3 weeks. There is a lot to do in Milwaukee and the area. Old World Wisconsin is called the Williamsburg of the Midwest and it contains a collection of early buildings of the French, Norwegian, German and Irish settlers and displays of early crafts by "settlers" in early garb. How about a tour of a brewery or microbrewery with freebies afterwards? A tour of the Mitchell Horticultural Domes which displays desert, tropical and seasonal environments? Don't miss the largest 4-faced clock in the world and the art museum. If you subscribe to Numismatic News or you are an ANA member you already know many of the other activities. As for me, I am looking forward to the bourse which will have dealers from around the world selling tables full of gold, ancients, and everything from coins to tokens. We will have a table with free wooden nickels for the kids. And don't forget about our annual meeting on Wednesday and a swap meet later. It will be a great chance to put a face with the names you hear about.

Speaking of the convention, the hotel where everyone will be staying is the Exel Inn of Milwaukee South, 1201 W. College Ave., Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Their direct telephone number is (414) 764-1776 and as of this writing they still have a few rooms available. Driving directions to the hotel are as follows. From the south: I-94 west to exit 319 east. From the west: I-94 east to I-894 east to I-94 east to exit 319 east. Note that I-94 goes through downtown and can be very busy so I would recommend the I-894 bypass. From the southwest: I-43 to I-894 east to I-94 south to exit 319 east. The hotel is on the southeast corner at the first traffic light. There is a park-and-ride within easy walking distance of the hotel and the bus will take you downtown with a stop at the convention center. No traffic, no parking and cheap!

Note that there will not be a mail bid in this issue. Instead, we are posting the lots that are available for bidding at the convention. There is lots of good stuff here and who knows what your bid will bring.

I have taken the "temporary" out of "temporary editor" since there doesn't seem to be anyone willing to take it over full time. I want to thank all of you who have written with positive comments about the newsletter.

We have asked for suggestions that would improve the club and newsletter. Thanks to those who responded. One suggestion was made to reinstate the practice that Walter Scott initiated and that would be to have members submit photos and a short biography that would let other collectors know who there are and what areas of collecting they specialize in. I think that this is a great idea because, although I have been collecting wooden money for over 30 years, I haven't the faintest idea of what most of collectors actually collect. Isn't that the reason for joining a club? There is no way that you are going to put together a nice collection, no matter what you collect, unless you network with others in the hobby and begin trading and buying what you need and selling your duplicates.

A collector stated that he wanted to print up his own woods and he was wondering what wooden money collectors were called. The answer is lignadenarist. The Oxford dictionary defines it as someone who collects wooden money and similar items.

*Darrell Luedtke, Editor*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is no secretary's report this month.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward	\$2,651.99	Regular Savings	
Income		Beginning Balance	\$2,557.48
Income: Dues	7.50	Income: Interest	0.32
Raffle	481.00	Total Forward	\$2,557.48
Donation	18.00		
Mail Bid Auction	55.40	Life Membership Savings	
Expenses		Beginning Balance	\$2,527.38
Editor	\$ 159.65	Income: Interest	0.32
Total Forward	\$3,054.24	Total Forward	\$2,527.70

## 2007 CONVENTION AUCTION

Below is a list of items that will be auctioned at the annual meeting held in Milwaukee this year. All are welcome to come to the meeting, but we realize that some cannot make it, so we are inviting members to bid on any items they might want by mail. I may suggest that if you do bid on some of the officials, bid high, as in past meetings, officials have sold at a good price. Send any bids by lot number to: Bill Snider PO Box 14402 Louisville KY 40214. A list of final prices realized will be posted in an issue immediately after the meeting.

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. 8 OFFICIALS                          | 51. 29 IOWA OFFICIALS       |
| 2. 49 MIXED CC                          | 52. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 3. 50 mostly NEBRASKA                   | 53. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 4. STEWARTSTOWN PA 01 SESQ.             | 54. 39 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 5. 8 DOLLAR SIZE WOODS                  | 55. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 6. ZAIKA ENCASED CENT & PIN             | 56. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 7. 6 FLATS RAILROAD                     | 57. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 8. NEW CASTLE P A, 48 RED 5 CENTS       | 58. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 9. STEELE ND, 56 RED 5 CENTS            | 59. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 10. JACKSONVILLE FL, 51 GREEN 5 CENTS   | 60. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 11. 50 WOODEN MONEY CLUB FLATS          | 61. 20 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 12. VOLKSWAGEN XL TSHIRT                | 62. 29 IOWA OFFICIALS       |
| 13. CHEERIO HAT & XL TSHIRT             | 63. 29 IOWA OFFICIALS       |
| 14. 25 BUSINESS FLATS                   | 64. 29 IOWA OFFICIALS       |
| 15. 40 PERSONAL FLATS                   | 65. 20 MAINE OFFICIALS      |
| 16. 41 COIN CLUB FLATS                  | 66. 20 MARYLAND OFFICIALS   |
| 17. MIXED WEST COAST CC WOODS           | 67. 16 MASS OFFICIALS       |
| 18. BATTERY NOTEBOOK                    | 68. 32 MICH OFFICIALS       |
| 19. 4 SPORT 1ST DAY COVER               | 69. 32 MISSOURI OFFICIALS   |
| 20. 4 SPORT 1ST DAY COVER               | 70. 30 MIXED OFFICIALS      |
| 21. NOTEBOOK WITH 2 GUIDE BOOKS         | 71. 38 NY OFFICIALS         |
| 22. COIN WALLET WITH TOKENS             | 72. 38 NY OFFICIALS         |
| 23. 25 CALIF. CC WOODS                  | 73. 19 NJ OFFICIALS         |
| 24. 50 CC WOODS                         | 74. 36 NH OFFICIALS         |
| 25. 25 CANADA WOODS                     | 75. 26 NEBRASKA OFFICIALS   |
| 26. 43 CHRISTMAS WOODS                  | 76. 45 MIXED OFFICIALS      |
| 27. PLASTIC TOKENS                      | 77. 30 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 28. MISC WOODS                          | 78. 30 PENN OFFICIALS       |
| 29. 15 CALIF. SAMBOS                    | 79. 17 GOSCHENHOPPEN FEST.  |
| 30. 1933 N. BEND OR. 2ND ISSUE 50 CENTS | 80. 54 MIXED WOODS          |
| 31. BADGE, CLOTHES BRUSH                | 81. SET 1986 HEDDENS WOODS  |
| 32. 12 OFFICIALS                        | 82. LOTTERY TICKETS ??      |
| 33. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 83. CALIF. WOODS ALL SIZES  |
| 34. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 84. 42 CALIF WOODS          |
| 35. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 85. 42 CALIF WOODS          |
| 36. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 86. 30 DIFFERENT XMAS FLATS |
| 37. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 87. SET 1987 HEDDENS WOODS  |
| 38. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 88. 30 DIFFERENT XMAS FLATS |
| 39. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 89. PLANNER                 |
| 40. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 90. 30 MIXED XMAS FLATS     |
| 41. 30 OFFICIALS                        | 91. 30 MIXED XMAS FLATS     |
| 42. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 92. 47 ANNIV. WOODS         |
| 43. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 93. 30 MIXED XMAS FLATS     |
| 44. 30 OFFICIALS                        | 94. 33 MIXED XMAS FLATS     |
| 45. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 95. 15 SAMBOS               |
| 46. 20 OFFICIALS                        | 96. 36 MIXED XMAS FLATS     |
| 47. 41 KANSAS OFFICIALS                 | 97. PEN SET                 |
| 48. 8 \$ SIZE OFFICIALS                 | 98. 2 DECKS CARDS           |
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**DOMINO'S PIZZA WOODS WANTED**

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**INDIANA WANTED**

BUY, SELL, TRADE: Indiana wanted. Have over 90 official flats and rounds for trade or sale. Send an SASE for a list of my duplicates. Harley Bissell, 301 N. Market St, Delphi, IN 46923-1038.

**OFFICIALS AND SEMI-OFFICIALS**

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At the meeting a considerable amount of time was spent explaining to new members why we have 2 wooden money organizations, something that I will address in a separate article so that everyone understands. With IOWMC membership over the past 2 years declining from 195 to the current 149 we need to seriously address membership numbers. We all know that there is a core membership that is very interested and active and newer members seem to come and go. The questions are, how do we get new members to join, how do we keep them and how do we get them involved? With declining membership, what would happen if IOWMC ceased to exist or decided to merge with another club and how do we protect the life membership accounts? Bob Fritsch and I are on an IOWMC committee to address potential changes to the bylaws to protect life membership accounts. Anyone who wants to join us is more than welcome. Note that any proposed changes must be submitted to the Board and voted on by the membership. We have not been charged with addressing any other subject such as a merger of clubs.

Over the past year I have had several collectors tell me that sometimes they needed to contact all officer quickly and they needed a telephone number or email address. This is a legitimate concern and I will post mine in every newsletter. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

*Darrell Luedtke, President*

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**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 2007**

The annual meeting of the IOWMC was held in Milwaukee WI on August 8, 2007 in conjunction with the ANA Summer Show.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by President Bill Snider. The Treasurer's report was read as follows, " Opening balance in 2006 was \$ 2806.42 with income from various sources of \$2457.24 and expenses of \$1827.81 with a balance as of August 2007 of \$3435.85. This is an increase of \$629.43. It was noted that the increase is largely due to mail bids in Bunyan's Chips by Darrell Luedtke. He has donated a part of all sales to the club. A motion by Bob Brown and second by Floyd Thomas to accept the report as read. Carried.

The Secretary's report was read with the information we only have 149 members as of July 2007. We lost 24 members and gained 10 new members. Also was noted that we lost 3 long time members, Norm Boughton, Joe Hermann, and Ron Nobbs who passed away this year. A moment of silence was made in their memory. A motion by Larry White to accept the report and second by Bob Fritsch. Carried.

A discussion was held on the merger of the IOWMC and the DWMC, mainly because of the declining membership in both clubs. There seems to be a need to change the by-laws and rules of both clubs to allow this to happen. A committee was appointed to study the various aspects of the merger. We hope to have some answers soon.

Member John Wilson presented the results of the election. The newly elected officers are: President, Darrell Luedtke; VP-I, Ken Paulsen; VP-II, Larry White; Secretary, Maurina Boughton; BG for a 3 year term, David Clouse. The Treasurer position was not on the ballot as Del Cushing chose to remain there.

A motion was made and a second to adjourn the meeting to proceed with the auction and raffle. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Snider

**EDITOR'S REPORT**

I believe that at the core of any successful organization there is a great newsletter and, as I've stated many times, it is your newsletter and we need your thoughts on how to keep it great. Do we address your needs and, if not, what can we do to improve it?

One suggestion was to run an article every month in which a member would give a short biography that includes information on why they joined IOWMC, what areas of collecting interest them, and maybe include a photograph of themselves. I think that this is a great idea and so it will begin in next month's edition. If you want to submit a photo, please do so. I can scan it and return it to you. Even if you are only one of several people in a photo, I can crop it so that only your picture appears.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

We started the past year with 165 members. 10 new members joined, 3 members passed way and 21 members did not pay their dues. We ended the year with 149 members. Long time members who passed away were: Norm Boughton, Joe Herrmann, and Ron Nobbs. New member sponsors were: Norm Boughton – 3, Bill Snider – 2, Del Cushing – 1, Larry White – 1, Blake Rouleau – 1, Darrell Luedtke – 1, No sponsor – 1.

*Shelley Quinn, Secretary*

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 15 JULY 2007**

INCOME:	Balance Fwd.	\$3054.24	EXPENSES: Editor	\$111.79
	Dues	\$245.50		
	Donations	\$30.50	Balance Forward	\$3327.20
	Raffle tickets	\$40.00		
	Raffle Prizes	\$30.00	Regular Savings: Balance	\$2557.48
	Mail Bid Auction	\$38.75	Interest	\$0.32
			Balance Fwd	\$2557.80
			Life Membership: Balance	\$2527.70
			Interest	\$0.32
			Balance Fwd	\$2528.02
			Balance Forward	\$2,651.99

## WHY DO WE HAVE 2 WOODEN MONEY ORGANIZATIONS?

By: Darrell Luedtke

This is the question that was asked by several new members at our annual meeting and I think it only fair that everyone know what happened. Unfortunately, back in 1975 several issues of Bunyan's Chips had articles which traded accusations, there were complaints of alleged wrongdoing and personal letters were written to members. I did not personally know any of the individuals involved and I am not going to make any judgments. Were there strong-willed individuals who could not reconcile their differences that caused the split? You be the judge as I will be presenting you with the main articles.

**The following was printed in the November, 1975 issue of Bunyan's Chips.**

MY FIRST 45 DAYS AS PRESIDENT OF IOWMC - Aug. 22 thru Oct. 8, 1975

What started out as a quiet, uneventful term in office has turned out to be a "Power Struggle". Was Rusty Bailey legally ousted as Editor? Is Thelma Morningstar legally the new Editor? Did the Outgoing Board of Governors act in a legal manner? Can the new Board of Governors over-ride their decision? What is the answers to this dilemma? Can IOWMC weather this storm? These are just a few questions facing the new administration and its Board of Governors, and the membership at large.

What should I do? Go along with the Outgoing Board of Governors (is this legal according to the By-Laws?). Should I tell Rusty Bailey to refrain from printing any more Chips? And return the Clubs equipment to Mrs. Morningstar? Yes, I am on the horn of a dilemma! I have been called a Dictator and have been accused of being a Dictator, trying to wreck the Club, and other unmentionable names, as well as not abiding our Constitution and By-Laws. I have had letters and calls saying I am doing the right thing. I have had advice of members, both pro and con as to what to do. I have had letters and calls saying I am doing the right thing. Stop this "VENDETTA". I have had letters telling me the Morningstars and their group are in the right, and I have had letters telling me they are going to drop out of IOWMC on account of this happening. Should the Club have a special election and vote on who is really the Editor? Have ballots printed at Club expense and mailed to an uninterested party for counting? Should I resign and have Mr. Mack move up to President, etc? No matter what I do, I will always have enemies and that I didn't have before.

When I arrived home after the close of the ANA Convention in August, I immediately started receiving local, and yes, long distance telephone calls, and letters inquiring just what in the world went on at the Annual Official Business Meeting of IOWMC? Just what were they trying to pull? The first solution that had to be resolved was the Editorship of our publication. Why was Rusty Bailey removed from her position of Editor and not given a choice to which job, she wanted to hold, the Editor or Treasurer? I did not have any idea what transpired in the IOWMC Board Meeting, prior to the Official Meeting. I made inquiries but was told I would receive a copy of the minutes to all the meetings, as soon as they were typed and mailed. Now, should I wait for them or should I, along with my Board of Governors, start immediate action. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE DID. I immediately started to read the By-Laws and Constitution and studying them very carefully. I then wrote an Open Letter to the 1974-75 and 1975-76 Board of Governors (dated 9-13-75) asking for their opinions and reasons why Rusty Bailey was removed as Editor and not given a choice of which office she wanted to hold. I felt if the new Board had all pertinent information regarding this matter, we could resolve the problem immediately. Replies were slow coming in and time was of the utmost importance as the October Chips had to be printed. After due consideration, I made a decision and THIS WAS MY OWN DECISION. I took it upon myself and telephoned Rusty Bailey to put out the October Chips and the same day, I wrote Thelma Morningstar a letter telling her of my decision. This was for the month of October only, as I felt by the time the November Chips was to be printed the entire problem would be resolved.

Little did I know! All I accomplished was putting more fuel to a burning fire. I will admit the By-Laws did not say I could do this, but, neither do they say what a President should do when a problem arises and immediate action is required. The reason I did make this decision is that ARTICLE 5, Section 7 states that the Editor for the Official Publication shall be appointed by the Board of Governors, at such time the office is vacant due to death, disability or resignation. (We all know, Rusty did none of these.) The only way the Editor could be replaced is by changing the By-Laws. The outgoing Board of Governors did not do this, so by what right did they have to remove her? (Oh yes, I finally received by copy of all the minutes on September 26, 1975).

The MEMBERSHIP is the ruling body at the Annual General Business Meeting, not the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors can make recommendations and submit proposals, but it must be voted on by the MEMBERSHIP. This has been the practice in all matters in the past (read all your Chips in the month of October for each year). The only time the Board of Governors has the say-so is between the Annual Business Meetings, but even then they must comply with our Constitution and By-Laws.

The By-Laws were written in a manner so that they cannot be easily changed. This is the way it should be, otherwise every time someone doesn't like something, or decides to do something else, contrary to our, By-Laws, they would

simply change them. THEY ARE NOT EASILY CHANGED AND IT TAKES SEVEN AFFIRMATIVE VOTES (7, YES) TO CHANGE THEM IF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS MAKING THE CHANGE. OTHERWISE IT IS THE MEMBERSHIP, AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING, AND THEN THIS REQUIRES A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY VOTE TO CHANGE THE BY-LAWS. Had the 1974-75 Board of Governors made a simple motion to split the two Offices (Treasurer/Editor) and take one away from Rusty Bailey, and brought it before the Board, it could have been acted upon and a new replacement appointed. This problem was in existence the entire year, but they waited until 8-21-75 BOARD OF GOVERNORS meeting to resolve it, which they didn't do. And if you read the minutes of the Meetings (these were printed in the October Chips) this matter wasn't even brought to a vote to the membership. All they did was made an amendment to the Policy and Procedures for the Board of Governors. This too is in violation to all rules, as we all know, the By-Laws have precedence over the Policy and Procedures and nowhere should they conflict. This does when they added Item #10 to the Policy and Procedures which reads: "Appoint a replacement Editor in the event the Editor does not carry out his or her duties in a satisfactory manner." I could go on and on but as far as I am concerned, your newly elected Board of Governors took the only stand they could, and this in accordance to our Constitution and By-Laws. IT WAS DECIDED THAT RUSTY BAILEY WAS AND STILL IS OUR OFFICIAL EDITOR.

Now, some of you are probably-wondering why one person could not hold down two jobs. If you will read your By-Laws, ARTICLE V, Elected Officers, Section 1 lists the number of persons who make up the Board of Governors as total of 10 members. The outgoing Board was aware of this but they did not take any action to correct it, or rather should I say, according to some statements they did start to make amends but for some unknown reason never did resolve the problem. (Mr. Morningstar was a Board Member and Editor at the same time.)

Yes, your newly elected Board of Governors took the bull by the horn and we have resolved the situation and our decision was based fully on the ruling in our By-Laws.

Now you have read my side of the situation. You as a member of this organization be the JUDGE. Did the Outgoing Board of Governors do the proper thing in removing Rusty Bailey as Editor; or was the New Board of Governors in the right in reversing their decision? All one must do is sit down and study and read our Constitution and By-Laws. I still feel we made the right decision and until I am proven wrong, I will continue to think so. Oh yes, Rusty Bailey is giving up her job as Treasurer, and as soon as the Board approves my recommendation for a new Treasurer it will be printed. Hopefully before the November Chips goes out.

IT NEVER WAS MY INTENTION TO WRITE A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SUCH AS THIS, but I felt the entire membership was entitled to hear both sides to a story. Too many times, you have only heard one side of a situation.

Regardless of what one will say, there are always two sides to any story, problem, etc. NOW YOU HAVE HEARD MINE.

I AM NOT A QUITTER, SO I SHALL STAY IN AND KEEP FIGHTING FOR WHAT I FEEL IS RIGHT. I would like hearing from you members and get your views on this.

s/ Tom Hudson, C-13  
1975-76 President, I.O.W.M.C.

**The following is a personal letter dated November 10, 1975.**

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

FROM: Wendell C. Morningstar

Since August, as a Board Member, I have received two letters containing items to be voted on by the Board. One was so confusing no matter how a person voted it would be wrong and the other one filled with the President's opinions of how the Board Members should vote. I will not vote on any issues such as these two were written. When I vote as a Board Member I want to vote my own way and not because the President feels I should vote a certain way. Both of these issues involved my wife, Thelma, and naturally I would have had a biased opinion. Therefore I did not vote. This is the kind of leadership IOWMC now has.

My wife, myself, as well as the other Board Members in Los Angeles requested the Treasurer to give an explanation of the differences in her reports between the audited Report and her report as printed, in Chips. Except for a rebuttal of slanted stories and slander in the October issue of Bunyan's Chips no explanation has been given.

Somehow of the seven Board Members present at the Los Angeles meeting, all the blame for this mess has been placed on Thelma and me. We were asked by two of the Board Members to keep our mouths shut and keep our cool prior to our going to Los Angeles. This is exactly what we did. By the way, one of the Board Members who requested we be quiet was one who didn't go to Los Angeles and who immediately took exception to all the action taken by the Board in Los Angeles. The letters filled with accusations received from this Board Member and the new President of things we did in Los Angeles and during the past years are unbelievable. We were aware of a movement to get us removed from IOWMC but we were not aware to what extent these members would go to accomplish their objective.

We have been accused of causing constant upheaval in IOWMC, taking advantage of all the members, printing fact sheets and mailing them out to keep members from being elected to office, making derogatory and slanderous remarks about members. We have been told that members have been afraid to disagree with us on any items for fear of some dreadful consequences. These accusations are completely false as I'm sure most of the members will agree. We have always had the best interest of all members in mind and tried our best to defend what we thought was right.

In view of the above accusations, I can no longer do the members of IOWMC justice with the type of officers we now have. I'm sorry to advise that I am resigning as a Board Member effective November 15, 1975 and am withdrawing my name from IOWMC as Charter Member No. 1 and Life Member No. 1. My name will no longer be used as Founder of IOWMC. My wife, Thelma, is also withdrawing her name from IOWMC as Charter Member #2 and Life Member #3. I'm sure there will be some who will try to insinuate the reason for this is because she wasn't elected President. I want to make it perfectly clear the fact she was not elected has nothing to do with her decision. It was not the first time she was defeated when she ran for office.

My recent request for letters regarding what I stood for brought a large response. All asked that I hang in there and they were behind me 100%. Many stated if I quit they also would quit. However, it is impossible for me to continue as I will not take the accusations and the insistence of some to blacken my reputation. An example being three charges brought against me in July 1975. I answered these charges and at the Board Meeting in Los Angeles, the President read a letter from the person filing the charges to disregard them as they had been dropped. For this reason no action was taken in Los Angeles. However, this person printed the complaints in the October issue of Bunyan's Chips and neglected to print my replies. Also, this same person made the statement that I asked for certain money to be sent to me which was untrue.

Thelma received a letter from Tom Hudson dated October 27th in which he stated he hoped she would not print a November Bunyan's Chips. She answered him that not only would she not print a November Chips nor would she print an issue of Chips in the future. In the same letter Mr. Hudson stated he was an individualist. He said he might ask for advice but in the end - "I AND ONLY I make the final decision". An example of this might be the fact that he wrote Thelma and told her she would receive a check for her expenses for the October Chips. Then he wrote to the Board and asked them for approval. The same thing happened when Mr. Hudson wrote Thelma not to put out the October Chips and then asked for action from the Board of Governors. Mr. Hudson keeps saying we were out of line when we called him a dictator. If he is to continue taking it upon himself to make decisions and then write to the Board of Governors, what would you members call it?

In the November issue of Bunyan's Chips Mr. Hudson states he feels you, the members, should know both sides of the story. His side was printed at your expense. Since I agree the members are entitled to the complete story, I will pay for my side.

The stories about the meetings in Los Angeles have been so distorted by members who didn't even attend the meetings that the ones who did attend are finding out things that are not even on the tapes of the meetings. I have yet to find where in the Constitution it says the members are the governing body of IOWMC and I cannot find where it is necessary for the members to vote on anything other than for a Life Membership, dues raise or a change in the Constitution. The dues were not raised, the Constitution was not changed and the members at the official meeting did vote to make Earl O'Cathey Life Member No. 6. An example of how things can be distorted is a letter received from one of the non-attending Board Members asking what made the Board think they could make Earl a Life Member

without taking it before the membership. All these misunderstandings have been brought about by members who were not at the meeting. Following the reading of the report of the Board Meeting, Mr. O'Cathey asked for comments. Since not one person voiced an objection to the report, Mr. O' Cathey assumed it was approved.

Mr. Hudson sounds like a broken record with his constant reminder that everything he is doing is for the betterment of IOWMC. I would like to know if making decisions and then asking for approval of the Board is in the best interest of IOWMC. I would also like to know if refusing to handle legitimate complaints is in the best interest of IOWMC. Thelma filed two legitimate complaints against Mrs. Bailey and the new officers. These complaints were filed to clear me of the accusations made against me in Mrs. Bailey's issue of October Chips where she printed complaints which had been settled prior to the meeting in Los Angeles. This isn't the first time Mrs. Bailey has tried to discredit me. Your President, rather than handle the complaints, wrote a letter to the Board of Governors in which he gave his opinions of the complaints but has yet to do anything about the complaints. Thelma asked that these statements be retracted with an apology in the November issue. In fact she requested Mrs. Bailey print the replies I sent to her in July to these complaints. They were not printed. According to the Constitution if complaints are filed with the President he is to follow through until all concerned are satisfied. Yet he leads the members to believe he follows the Constitution. He cannot pass judgment on his own as he has done on all matters to date and in the past when it concerned us. Yet he states he feels that all members are entitled to both sides of the story. This is a Board matter and every member of IOWMC is liable for their actions as the majority elected these officers.

I did not ask Mrs. Bailey for \$58.99 or for that matter I did not ask for any money as she implied in her Editor's note in the October issue. Mr. Mack in his article in the November issue explained the \$58.69. However he neglected to state \$50.00 of that was to go to the Convention Fund which he promised to repay when he borrowed the money. To quote from a letter received from Mr. Mack dated August 12, 1974 - "I'll send you a check for \$50.00 as soon as I get all the money back in." How convenient for Mr. Mack to forget this if it will help in the cause to discredit me.

Mr. Hudson states in the November issue of Bunyan's Chips (see bottom of page #132) "Mr. Morningstar was a Board Member and Editor at the same time." The Editor is automatically a member of the Board. If he is trying to say I was an elected member of the Board of Governors and also Editor it is just more proof of how he can distort the truth. I was elected to the Board of Governors but I did not take office until my resignation as Editor was effective. It is too bad that Mr. Hudson doesn't keep his facts straight. Are statements like this really in the best interest of IOWMC?

One item that Mr. Hudson fails to inform the members of is the number of votes for or against an action voted on by the Board of Governors. This has always been done in the past and at no time was the word of the President taken alone. Remember with the seven votes in California nothing has been recognized. How many votes did Mr. Hudson receive to rescind the action taken in California? Does he disregard your rights to know how the officers you elected voted. He states it was decided that Mrs. Bailey was still Editor. Who decided this - the Board or Mr. Hudson?

Yes, Mr. Hudson states he follows the Constitution. Does he? He states the members are entitled to know both sides of the story. This too is debatable since he condones a member of the Board of Governors to print items that would tend to discredit another member and refuses to advise that member to print the replies she receives to clear that member. Who knows both sides to the story except perhaps a portion of the Board. I would have been happy to have told my side at your expense, however, I will pay for my side.

I have not slandered anyone nor have I tried to discredit anyone. I have only printed the facts. Wouldn't it be nice if others would do the same? By the way no explanation was ever given on why there was a difference between the Treasurer's audited report, the total paid bills and the report printed in Bunyan's Chips. Why?

I know what my hobby means to me as I know what yours means to you. I would not part with what I have. However, IOWMC has gotten completely away from what it was founded for originally. For this reason I am starting another International Organization using the same Constitution as IOWMC had since 1973 but with the loop holes closed. It will be known as The Professional Wooden Money Collectors of North America, and will recognize only official and semi-official issues defined in the Constitution - no private, coin clubs or Sambos will be recognized. Charter Membership will close March 1, 1976. Dues will be \$4.25 per year for regular members and \$2.00 for associate members. If interested, please contact - Wendell C. Morningstar, 5575 State Route 257, Radnor, Ohio 43066. Do not send dues until a temporary Treasurer can be named. Just advise me of your intent to join. Remember IOWMC started with less than 50 members and this organization no doubt will do the same. Please send ads and stories on official issues at once. Our first bulletin will be mailed on December 27, 1975 for January. This organization will be run in a democratic way and all members will have a say in how it is to be run. All stories and ads will be printed and no favorites will be shown to anyone.

Very truly yours,  
s/ Wendell C. Morningstar

**The following is a personal letter dated November 10, 1975.**

**MY FINAL TWO CENTS -**

It seems some of the members have lost sight of the fact that had it not been for Wendell there would never have been an IOWMC. Mr. Hudson reminded me that a lot of members have done a lot for IOWMC but didn't go around bragging about it. Perhaps we did do some bragging. I won't deny it. He cited the fact he had put out a book and only averaged 25¢ for each hour he spent writing it. Good for him. We went in the red for what we did for IOWMC. Despite what some members would like you to believe, we did not organize IOWMC to make money on it.

I was given a trophy in Los Angeles. It was brought by Earl O'Cathey, not IOWMC, and was given to me in appreciation for the work I had done for him during his term as president. It was not given for any outstanding service I had given to IOWMC. I was made to understand by several members I did not deserve this trophy and it should have been given to Mr. Leeper. I admit Mr. Keeper has done an outstanding job not only with the Juniors but for IOWMC. In fact, I did nominate him for the Outstanding Service Award. I was nominated for this award and wrote and told Mrs. Farnum I was not to be considered for any award. Why then should these members try to discredit me because I was given this trophy? Perhaps they would have had reason if the trophy had been paid for out of IOWMC funds.

Wendell had a dream and it turned into a reality, however, it has now turned into a nightmare. We have known for several years that Mr. Hudson as well as a few others have been trying to get Wendell out of IOWMC. Now they are in the position to do just that. They have an organization which was founded by a man who really believed in the hobby of wooden money and wanted to share his hobby with others. Now they can realize their dream by discrediting this man and getting the Morningstars out of IOWMC. It must be a very proud feeling to use someone the way we have been used and then stand up and crow about it. I'm sure they will consider themselves the heroes and saviors of IOWMC which one will take the credit for founding it. Will it be Mr. Hudson, Mr. Mack, Mr. Ryder, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Parfet or Mr. Leeper?

Now that they have finally gotten the Morningstars out of IOWMC I wonder who they will try to discredit next. I'm sure it will be anyone who will stand up and try to work for the good of the members or in any way voice any opinion which might not agree with them completely. When a President will write - I AND ONLY I make the final decision", I believe that is the end of the idea that an organization will be run in a democratic way and I want no part of any organization which will be ruled in this way.

I will never forget the many friends we have made during the past 11 years and the trips we have made all over the country to attend the meetings. These memories will last a life time. I am truly sorry things have turned out this way, but then, as they say, all good things must come to an end.

In closing I want to make perfectly clear that Wendell and I have always worked hard for what we thought was right. This did not include the many things for which we have been accused. We did not print fact sheets to keep certain people from being elected to office, we did not refuse to print any items which might be in conflict with what we believed, and probably the most important thing is that we never took it upon ourselves to try to discredit any member. We always abided by the rules set forth by the Board of Governors. Wendell founded an organization and we both put out heart and soul in it. Each and every member of IOWMC has benefited by it in one way or another. Our thanks? To be discredited by a few, to be blamed for everything bad that has happened to the organization and to be the blunt of a multitude of accusations.

My heartiest congratulations to Mr. Hudson, Mr. Mack, Mr. Ryder, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Parfet and Mr. Leeper for a job well done. The Morningstars are out of IOWMC.

s/ Thelma Morningstar

**CONVENTION AUCTION**

The convention auction and raffle brought in \$949.00 for the club. My thanks to everyone who participated.

Donors of the items raffled and auctioned are as follows.

G. Beckstrom  
G. Braithwaite  
B. Brown  
D. Charters  
F. Cover  
W. Dennis  
V. Dennis  
J. Glover  
C. Hardee  
D. Howard  
S. Kawalec  
W. Krocsko  
K. Paulsen  
G. Schweinfurth  
D. Skea  
B. Snider  
D. Thibodeau  
F. Thomas  
J. Urpach  
J. Wilson  
A. Zaika

Below are the winners of 1 year dues.

William Baab  
John Bowers  
Joe Burford see next line  
Joe Burford 2 years dues  
David Clouse  
Fred Davis  
Jan Henke  
David Hunsicker  
Wally Krocsko  
Len Rudie  
Adam Fritzel  
George Schweinfurth  
Dennis Skea  
Cecil Stanford see next  
Cecil Stanford 2 year dues  
Henry Webster  
Pat Whalen  
Jane Wilber  
John Wilson  
Ernestine Winget  
Floyd Ziegler

All prizes for both the auction and raffle items have been sent out. If you received a package of woods without an enclosed note it may be because I forgot to include one. Again, many thanks to everyone who participated.

/s/ *Bill Snider*

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

<b>INCOME:</b>	Balance Fwd. 8/31/2006	\$3054.24	<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Editors	\$111.79
	Dues	\$768.50		Secretary	\$50.00
	Raffle	\$1013.00		ANA Dues	\$36.00
	Mail Bid	\$429.24		State of Wash	\$10.00
	Editor's Advance Return	\$148.00		Expense Total	\$1827.81
	Prize Donations	\$30.00			
	Donations	\$68.50		Balance Forward	\$3435.85
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5263.66</b>			

There has been an increase in the Treasury of \$629.43 which is in Large Part to Darrell's Luedtke's contribution from his mail bids.



### CASINO CHIP & TOKEN CLUB



The Casino Chip & Token Club has issued a wooden nickel & dollar for their annual convention in 2007 the color is green ink. Price is \$1 for the pair plus shipping as follows: orders up to \$5 add \$1.50, up to \$10 add \$3.00. Order from Roy Nelson, PO Box 777602, Henderson, NV 89077.

### PERSONAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT



A California general contractor would like to trade his "business card" wood for yours. His wood reflects his business name (WOODCLAVER), logo and license number, as well as being a \$10.00 discount coupon for business. Also collects woods for fundraisers for CERT Teams or Fire Departments. Glenn Willis Jr., 2510 Spreckles Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

### HILLSIDE COIN CLUB



Hillside coin club of Hillside, Illinois issued a 2" wooden 2¢ to celebrate the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 300<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The obverse is in black and the "Two Cents Worth" reverse is in red. They are available for 60¢ each or two (2) for \$1.00 by sending a SASE to Hillside Coin Club, PO Box 750, Hillside, IL 60162 or to Harry Hoeft, 1102 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Darien, IL 60561-4504. For more information on the club visit its website at <http://worksandwords.com/hcc>.

### WEYAUWEGA HORSE & BUGGY DAYS



Weyauwega celebrated its 47<sup>th</sup> annual Horse & Buggy Days on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> with the issuance of another official wooden nickel. These are available for 50¢ each plus SASE from Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

### PERSONAL WOOD



Dennis Skea issued a personal "wooden nickel" and if any member would like one send your name and address to Dennis at 25 Argent Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or email him at [dpskea@hotmail.com](mailto:dpskea@hotmail.com). If you have one to trade please send it to him and he will get your name and address from the return address.

### COLLECTION FOR SALE

Jim Miller can no longer collect woods due to health problems. He has a collection which includes 90 flats from 35 states, 37 official rounds from 7 different states, 200+ private flats, 190 \$1 rounds, 1,000+ commons, Shippensburg 1970 and 1971 complete sets plus more all in plastic pages and binders. Information available upon request. He would like to sell it as one complete collection for \$325.00 plus \$30.00 S/H. Contact James E. Miller, PO Box 381, Placida, FL 33946, tel: 941-697-0960, email: [lormil@ewol.com](mailto:lormil@ewol.com).

### COLONIAL CRAFT FAIR WOODS



The Middletown Area Historical Society held its annual Colonial Craft Fair on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and issued 2 woods for the event. The woods are black in color and can be ordered from the society for 50¢ a set plus SASE or sufficient postage. To order write to the Middletown Area Historical Society, PO Box 248, Middletown, PA 17057.

## THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING AUGUST 31, 2007

Note: Final figures are in for the June mail bid. Lot# - winning bid: 3 - \$10.00, 4 - \$20.00, 5 - \$7.50, 6 - \$7.50, 7 - \$15.00, 8 - \$7.50, 9 - \$7.50, 10 - \$15.00, 12 - \$9.00, 13 - \$8.51, 14 - \$5.00, 16 - \$65.50, 17 - \$16.50, 18 - \$7.50, 19 - \$11.00, 20 - \$9.00, 22 - \$12.50, 23 - \$25.00, 25 - \$22.50, 26 - \$10.00, 27 - \$31.51, 28 - \$7.50, 29 - \$7.50, 32 - \$8.00, 33 - \$8.00, 34 - \$76.51, 36 - \$8.00, 37 - \$7.50, 38 - \$17.00, 39 - \$36.00, 41 - \$8.00, 42 - \$15.00, 43 - \$10.00, 44 - \$20.00, \$46.00 - \$152.00. Total = \$704.53. 10% to IOWMC = \$70.45. Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

### Oklahoma – All Flats

1. Cushing, 1935, 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (First OK Issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$50.00)
2. McAlester, 1949, Golden Anniversary – complete set of 9 (MB \$22.50)
3. Sapulpa, 1948, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.50)

### Oregon – All Flats

4. Albany, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
5. Ashland, 1940, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual July 4 Celebration – complete set of 3 (MB \$18.00)
6. Astoria, 1938, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta – complete set of 2 (MB \$15.00)

### South Carolina – All Flats

7. Bamberg, 1955, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
8. Columbia, 1936, Sesquicentennial (First SC Issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.00)
9. Fairfield County (Winnfield), 1949, County Celebration – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)
10. Florence, 1950, Tobacco Festival – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)
11. Gaffney, 1954, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$12.50)
12. Greenville, 1939, National Cotton Festival – (MB \$2.50)
13. Newberry County, 1939, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 5 (MB \$13.50)
14. Rock Hill, 1952, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$5.00)
15. Summerville, 1947, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
16. Union County, 1949, Harvest Festival – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)

### South Dakota – All Flats

17. Brookings, 1954, Diamond Jubilee – complete set of 4 (MB \$10.00)
18. Gregory County (Bonesteel), 1948, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 7 (MB \$17.50)
19. Rapid City, 1941, 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Trail Blazer Days – complete set of 3 woods (MB \$11.25)
20. Sioux Falls, 1939, Fiftieth Anniversary (First SD Issue) – complete set of 3 (\$20.00)
21. Watertown, 1954, 75 Years of Progress – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)

### Tennessee – All Flats

22. Chattanooga, 1938, Chickamauga Celebration (First TN Issue) – complete set of 9 woods (\$27.00)
23. Harriman, 1940, Semi-Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$11.25)
24. Jackson, 1939, First Annual Jackson Jubilee – complete set of 3 (MB \$8.75)
25. Knoxville, 1941, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 7 (MB \$30.00)
26. Union City, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)

### Texas – All Flats

27. Amarillo, 1938, Old Southwest Days Celebration – complete set of 2 (MB \$12.00)
28. Big Spring, 1949, Centennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$12.50)
29. Coryell County, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 6 (MB \$16.25)
30. Falls County, 1950, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
31. Fort Stockton, 1940, Water Carnival – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
32. Gainesville, 1950, Centennial – complete set of 12 (MB \$38.50)
33. Gonzales County, 1950, Fryer Frolic – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.00)
34. Greenville, 1950, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.00)
35. Karnes County, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$12.50)

My apologies to all the collectors who collect rounds. I will list some next month when I have more time.

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# DUNYAN'S CHIPS



## Official Newsletter for the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors

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### Featured Member of the Month – James Uline #R-1777

Greetings from the "Heart of Ohio" and from Jim Uline, wooden money collector! I was born in 1945 in Marion, Ohio and have lived here all my life. I began working at the Marion, Ohio Post Office in 1965 and became a city letter carrier. After 35 years of service, I retired in 2000.

I met and married my wife, Hope, in 1966 and recently we celebrated 41 years of marriage. Hope and I were blessed to have a daughter, Heather, and a son, Mitch. Heather and her family lives in Rockton, IL and have two children; Madeleine (7) and Ian (3) and she works at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin. Mitch and his family live right here in Marion, OH and have a son; Spencer (9) and Mitch is a teacher and coach in the Marion City School System. My wife, Hope, is the Church Office Manager at the First Presbyterian Church of Marion, OH and is looking forward to joining me in retirement as soon as she is "Social Security" age (3 more years). We are active in our church and find ourselves there a lot.

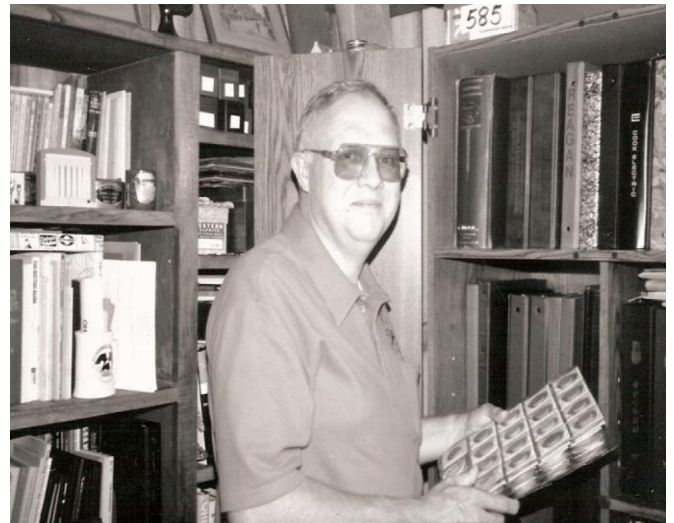
Don't let me forget Otis, our Jack Russell Terrier. Otis is my best buddy and keeps me on my toes day and night. Over the years Hope and I have raised and loved four beautiful boxers, Jake, Suzie, Sam and Casey. Otis is our "old age" dog, but he is the most ornery of the lot! Having lived here all my life, I love Marion County history, especially collecting the memorabilia which includes items pertaining to President Warren G. Harding. I am a member of the Marion County Historical Society and love competing with the other Marion collectors in the area for prized items! I have been in the Marion Hobby Club for over 40 years.

This is where I met Wendell and Thelma Morningstar who started me on my collection of wooden money. I attended the first Wooden Money Show, which was held in Marion, OH in 1965. Wendell and I were friends long after he gave up collecting wooden money. We went to hundreds of post card shows together; both searching for more cards. He loved to tell me stories about the early wood collecting he had done and the people he met during those years. My main interest in wood collecting is official Ohio woods, however I do pick up other officials and expositions that appeal to me.

My other collecting interests are precancels, Harding First Day Covers, encased and elongated cents and Ohio Civil War tokens. My wife has been very tolerant of my collecting. I even have my own area for my collections which is fashioned after an old country store, complete with wooden floor, shake shingles and barn siding. The picture of me is taken in my collection room.

The best part of collecting is the people you meet along the way and the memories you make with these folks. The actual material collection is secondary to the fun of sharing a common interest.

Submitted by Jim Uline



**PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE**

Dear Members,

It is my unpleasant task to inform you that I recently found out that members William Gsell passed away on 4/26/2006 and Gerald Conroy passed away on 7/13/2007. May we add our thoughts and prayers to those of his family and friends.

In last month's Chips we ran a multi-page article that dealt with the subject of why there are 2 wooden money clubs. It was not intended to alarm anyone that IOWMC is in danger of failing, nor of any other club failing and merging with IOWMC. The article's intent was only to answer the many questions I've had over the years as to why there are 2 major wooden money organizations in the United States. IOWMC is strong, as is the wooden money hobby, and IOWMC will remain the premier wooden money collector's organization for as long as I am president.

We need to increase membership and I am going to make you an offer that you can't refuse. If you sign up a new member in 2008 I will pay for their 2009 dues. That's right. Two years for the price of one. If you need a membership application form please let me know.

*Darrell Luedtke*, President

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT****NEW MEMBER**

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5200 N. Royal Pl.  
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*Maurina Boughton*, Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT – September, 2007**Regular Checking

Balance Forward 9/1/2007	\$3,346.40
Deposits	250.45
Subtotal	\$3,596.85
Expenses: Editor	141.52
Balance Forward	\$3,455.33

Regular Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,558.12
Income: Interest	0.33
Ending Balance	\$2,558.45

Life Membership Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,528.34
Income: Interest	0.32
Ending Balance	\$2,528.66

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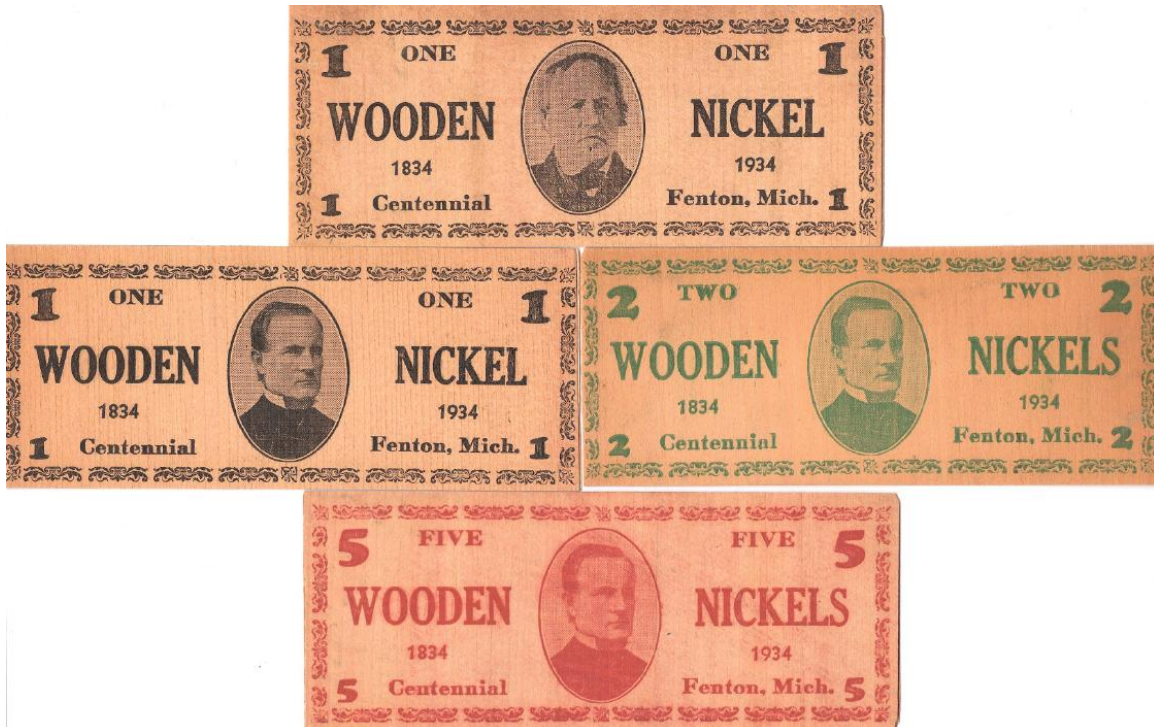
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY CLUB OFFICER WITH ANY CLUB-RELATED BUSINESS





## FENTON, MICHIGAN CENTENNIAL

By: Darrell Luedtke



The first wooden money to commemorate a centennial in the United States was issued in Fenton, Michigan in 1934.

Fenton was first named Dibbleville after the first settler in the area, Clark Dibble, who moved there from New York in 1834. According to local legend, it was renamed Fenton as a result of an 1837 card game involving two men, Colonel William M. Fenton and Robert LeRoy. The city was renamed Fenton in honor of the winner and LeRoy Street, the city's main street, was named for the loser.

The idea of using the wooden money as a means of publicizing the Fenton centennial was the brain-child of J.C. Peck and Horace Hitchcock, who were in charge of publicity for the centennial. The wooden money was printed in Fenton by Claude Cohoon who had a print shop on East Caroline Street.

Mr. Peck and Mr. Hitchcock thought that it might be a nice gesture to have Mr. LeRoy acknowledged for this event, so exactly twenty (20) wooden nickels with LeRoy's picture were printed. These twenty special issues were given to the twenty men who acted on the executive committee for the celebration.

The committee printed the remainder of the wooden money with the picture of Col. Fenton on them. 2,500 of each denomination of 5¢ black, 10¢ green, and 25¢ red were printed. These were distributed to local merchants who paid face value for the wooden money taken by them. They in turn handed them out to customers as change, if acceptable, to those customers. There was no problem in getting the co-operation of the merchants since all wooden nickels were released one month prior to the date of the celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> and were redeemable at par prior to July 7, 1934.

The committee did not anticipate the demand for these wooden souvenirs and in less than a week, the supply had disappeared and everyone was asking for more. A second printing was made of about 1,500 of each of the three pieces and the week before the celebration they were handed out to the merchants. By noon on July 4<sup>th</sup> no wooden nickels were to be found. On July 7<sup>th</sup> approximately \$7.50 worth of wooden money was presented because they had been broken. Following July 7<sup>th</sup> there were so many requests from out-of-town people asking for copies of the wooden nickels, the committee decided to run off a small additional supply to take care of those requests. There were about 1,000 copies printed, but no record as to the denomination printed.

Editor's comment: So where did all the Fenton wooden money go? Today they are not easily found and the value for the series bearing the picture of Colonel William Fenton in the 1995 printing of the Guide Book of Wooden Money is \$30.00, which is probably a fair value. As for the rare issues with the picture of Daniel LeRoy on them, the value of \$90.00 in the Guide Book is probably deceptive because the whereabouts of only 6 were known in 1978, which makes them rarer than Tenino's December, 1931 flats.



## Cumberland, Wisconsin Baga Festival

By: Darrell Luedtke

The City of Cumberland has a colorful and interesting history. Before the European immigration began the Ojibwa or Anishinabe (the Indian tribal name meaning Wood People) inhabited these lands. They lived on the island of Beaver Dam Lake about 1859-1860.

In 1874, Funder O'Dahlby, of Stevens Point, WI, became interested in a homestead. O'Dahlby, along with others, took a chance on homesteading the land sight unseen. He selected a tract of about 80 acres on an island in Beaver Dam Lake. The Ojibwa call the lake "Way-kone-ma-daw-wang-gog" meaning Lake of the Beavers. This is the present site of Cumberland. Others followed and settled on the island.



Many different nationalities settled in the Cumberland area. Some started farming, others worked in logging camps or in the many mills. Cumberland was well known for the Italian people and their culture. Many of them were hired by the railroad. Even after the railroad was completed many stayed on as employees of the railroad. Others bought a few acres of land and started small farms of 10 to 15 acres. They worked hard. Some started businesses on the south end of the city. Their settlement had many families who retained customs of their native land.

Cumberland owes much of its existence to the logging and lumber industry. There were large mills in 1879-1880. Cumberland, at that time had a population of 1486 and was credited with more small mills than any other area in the country. The railroad established in 1878 made all this possible....

Present day Cumberland is a trading center for a wide area of farm and resort country. Its population is a little over 2000 and is primarily on the island in Beaver Dam Lake.

The people have tried to preserve some of the Italian cultures, Victorian charms and its scenic and recreational advantages. They have tried to preserve its air of easy-going, friendliness, and hospitality.

There are more than 50 lakes located within a 10 mile radius of the city. As a result there is a wide choice of activities and accommodations. In order to understand and be part of Cumberland, you should know some of the stories and traditions. First would be the location called the "rice beds". This is in Beaver Dam Lake and is a submerged island covered with a foot of water. It is covered with a heavy growth of rushes, and in bygone days some mistook it for wild rice. This landmark has been known as the "rice beds" ever since. No rice grows in Beaver Dam because the lake has an outlet but no inlet. Hay River starts at Beaver Dam Lake, and is all spring fed.

At one time Cumberland was a town of questionable repute with many saloons and brawls and fights were quite common. It became worse, as time passed, until the territory served by the St. Paul railroad became known as "Cumberland, Hayward, Hurley and Hell". Hurley was at the end of the line. Cumberland took steps quite early to clean up and bring law and order. A group of people introduced a "St. Paul cop" to clean up the town. A saloon keeper named Paulson was known as the "King of Cumberland", and the Marshall had to take care of him. He challenged him to a slugfest and the "King" agreed to leave town if he lost the fight. It was a bloody fight in which the "King" went down. Cumberland had taken its first step to becoming a peaceful city.

In the early days a circus came to town with a big parade and big-top tent. They had wild animals and of course, elephants. One big elephant, Tom-Tom, drowned near the bridge east of town on Highway 48.

For many years, Cumberland has had a 4th of July celebration. The tourist park is filled with people where they enjoy games, food, beverages and music. It's a 4th of July in the best of tradition. In the evening there is a huge fireworks display and many view the fireworks from boats on the lake. Beaver Dam is an important part of summer celebrations, this lake is 100 feet deep and over 1396 acres in area.

In the fall the Rutabaga Festival is the big event. A queen is selected, a contest to find the "Golden Baga" is held and distance runners and bikers also have a race with over 1000 competitors. It is a real reunion of people of the area and brings in visitors from all over the country and former residents return. There are a variety of events including hot pepper eating contest, basketball shoot out, children's olympics, run/walk/walk race, a carnival for the children, live entertainment every night for the adults along with a beer garden, and to wrap it all up a Grande Parade held on Sunday with over 240 units including an air show.

Wooden nickels were issued for the "Baga Festival" in 1969 and 1970. Since then the city has issued pin-backs with numbers on them that are eligible for prizes.

## ANA Convention

We are happy to report that at the ANA convention there were 4 exhibits on wooden money. As anyone who attended can tell you, more than 10,000 people attended the ANA and many of them wandered through the exhibit area and saw the exhibits.

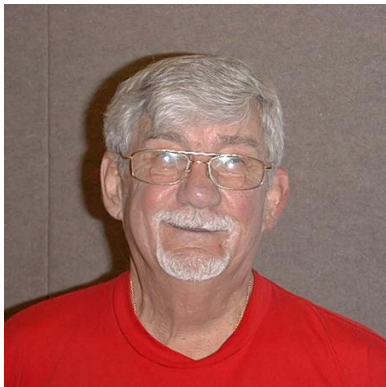
Dave Hunsicker #R-1636 exhibited "Wisconsin Wooden Money" that garnered a third place award as best exhibit in Class 4, Tokens. Congratulations Dave!

Darrell Luedtke made his first appearance in exhibiting at the ANA with his exhibits of "Illegal Wooden Money Issued by the First National Bank of Monroe, Wisconsin" in Class 4, Tokens; "The First Wooden Money of the United States" in Class 14, General or Specialized; and "Wooden Money of Wisconsin" in Class 19, Local Interest Numismatic Material. Darrell also exhibited "1869 National Peace Jubilee Wooden Medals" in Class 3, Medals.

Bob Fritsch, who is an ANA judge, did an independent judging of the wooden money exhibits and awarded the Walter Scott Award for Best Wooden Money Exhibit to "The First Wooden Money of the United States" by Darrell. Congratulations Darrell!

Again, a very special thank you for all the members who attended the meetings, manned the wooden money club's table, met at the swap meets and joined us for dinner at Darrell's. We all had a great time and look forward to next year in Baltimore.

### Photos of members at the ANA convention and Annual Meeting



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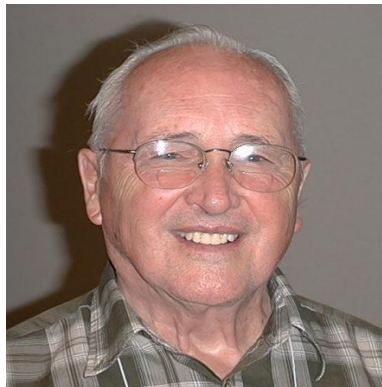
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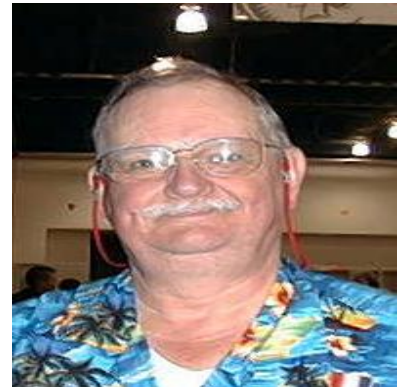
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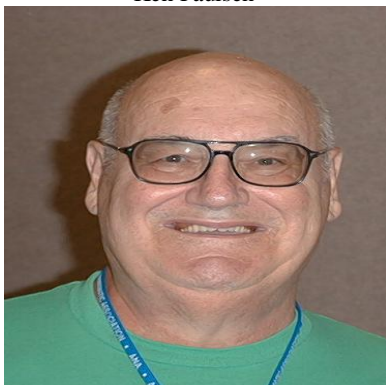
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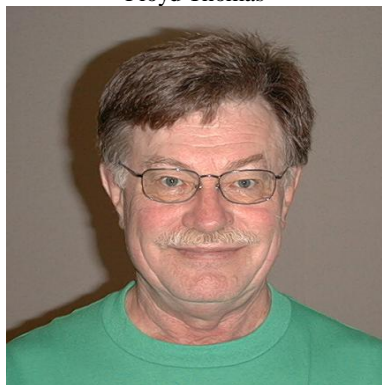
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Bob Fritsch



Larry White



Darrell Luedtke



### CASINO CHIP & TOKEN CLUB



The Casino Chip & Token Club has issued a wooden nickel & dollar for their annual convention in 2007 the color is green ink. Price is \$1 for the pair plus shipping as follows: orders up to \$5 add \$1.50, up to \$10 add \$3.00. Order from Roy Nelson, PO Box 777602, Henderson, NV 89077.

### PERSONAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT



A California general contractor would like to trade his "business card" wood for yours. His wood reflects his business name (WOODCLAVER), logo and license number, as well as being a \$10.00 discount coupon for business. Also collects woods for fundraisers for CERT Teams or Fire Departments. Glenn Willis Jr., 2510 Spreckles Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

### HILLSIDE COIN CLUB



Hillside coin club of Hillside, Illinois issued a 2" wooden 2¢ to celebrate the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 300<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The obverse is in black and the "Two Cents Worth" reverse is in red. They are available for 60¢ each or two (2) for \$1.00 by sending a SASE to Hillside Coin Club, PO Box 750, Hillside, IL 60162 or to Harry Hoeft, 1102 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Darien, IL 60561-4504. For more information on the club visit its website at <http://worksandwords.com/hcc>.

### WEYAUWEGA HORSE & BUGGY DAYS



Weyauwega celebrated its 47<sup>th</sup> annual Horse & Buggy Days on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> with the issuance of another official wooden nickel. These are available for 50¢ each plus SASE from Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

### PERSONAL WOOD



Dennis Skea issued a personal "wooden nickel" and if any member would like one send your name and address to Dennis at 25 Argent Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or email him at [dpskea@hotmail.com](mailto:dpskea@hotmail.com). If you have one to trade please send it to him and he will get your name and address from the return address.

### COLONIAL CRAFT FAIR WOODS



The Middletown Area Historical Society held its annual Colonial Craft Fair on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and issued 2 woods for the event. The woods are black in color and can be ordered from the society for 50¢ a set plus SASE or sufficient postage. To order write to the Middletown Area Historical Society, PO Box 248, Middletown, PA 17057.

### FISHBOWL WOODEN NICKEL COIN CLUB



The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club held their annual coin show on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Siren, Wisconsin. The new 2007 wood features a muskie, the Wisconsin state fish. It is available for 25¢ plus a SASE. Send your request to Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club, C/O Gary Schauls, 2702 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Luck, WI 54853-3811.

**THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING OCTOBER 31, 2007**

**Note that the August mail bid had an incorrect closing date of August 31. It should have read September 30. It is being extended until October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Flats****Utah**

1. Provo, 1941, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration (First UT Issue) – (MB \$4.00)

**Virginia**

2. Front Royal, 1936, Centennial, 5¢, Green – (MB \$45.00)
3. Front Royal, 1936, Centennial, 10¢, Green – (MB \$50.00)
4. Lynchburg, 1936, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.00)
5. Newport News, 1946, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 6 (MB \$16.00)
6. Richmond, 1937, Virginia Capital Bicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$9.00)
7. South Boston, 1939, Tobacco Festival – (MB \$20.00)

**Washington**

8. Kelso, 1939, State Golden Jubilee, 25¢ Green/Red – (MB \$3.00)
9. Longview, 1949, Silver Jubilee – complete set of 4 (MB \$20.00)
10. Marysville, 1941, Golden Festival – complete set of 4 (MB \$30.00)

**Rounds****Illinois**

11. Chicago, 1934, Century of Progress, 5¢ Blue, Green, Red 3” – (MB \$14.00)

**Michigan**

12. Metamora, 1963, 125<sup>th</sup> Centennial, 25¢ Aqua, 3” - \$3.00

**New York**

13. Monticello, 1938, Chamber of Commerce, 25¢ 3” Green/Green – (MB \$3.00)

**Ohio**

14. Gallipolis, 1938, Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial, 2½” – (MB \$5.00)
15. Marietta, 1938, Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial, 2½” – complete set of 12 (MB \$50.00)

**Washington**

16. Hoquiam, 1933, Old Ironsides, \$1.00 Silver - (MB \$200.00)
17. Hoquiam, 1937, Chamber of Commerce, 25¢ 3” Green - (MB \$5.00)
18. Hoquiam, 1939, Jubilee, 25¢ 3” Multi-color – (MB \$2.50)
19. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Black/Black - (MB \$10.00)
20. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Blue/Blue - (MB \$10.00)
21. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Green/Green - (MB \$10.00)
22. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Orange/Orange - (MB \$10.00)
23. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Purple/Purple - (MB \$10.00)
24. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Red/Red - (MB \$10.00)
25. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Grand Coulee Dam/5¢, Gold/Gold - (MB \$10.00)
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Darrell Luedtke of Franklin, Wisconsin sends a hearty hello to all of his fellow wooden money collectors.

I was born in Wisconsin in 1947 and my early years found me growing up on a dairy farm and then in a small town. At 11 I started delivering papers and at 13 I got my first real job picking cucumbers for a local cannery. I worked for 5 canneries over the next 11 years and my work included almost every job imaginable until I finally made it as the director of quality assurance for the second largest seasonal cannery in the Midwest in 1972. Somewhere along the line I served 2 years in the army and graduated with a degree from the US School of Warfare in Vietnam in 1970. In 1972 I finally got my bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin with a triple major in math, biology and accounting.

In 1972 the Food and Drug Administration had a little problem with mushroom canneries in Ohio and I was recruited by them to inspect the canneries, resulting in 27 recalls due to under-processing. I helped to write the Low-Acid Canned Food regulations in 1973, the Acidified Canned Food regulations in 1979 and the Seafood HACCP regulations in 1997. During my 34 years with FDA I took 115 foreign inspection trips to 43 countries and I lived in 7 states. I finally retired in 2006 as one of the top Food Experts in the world. I was fortunate in that I never felt that I really had a job but something that I loved. I really valued going to bed every night knowing that what I had done that day helped not only to keep the US food supply the safest in the world, but also to make the food supply of the entire world safer for everyone. I continue to do consulting work both here and abroad.

My parents collected antiques over the years and in the early 1970's my dad gave me a wooden nickel and told me "don't take any wooden nickels". That sounded like a challenge to me so I started collecting them. However, it wasn't until the early 1990's that I found out that wooden money organizations like IOWMC existed and that I could get a lot of wooden money for a lot less than what antique malls and flea markets charged. My hobby soon got out of control. When I started I collected only woods from Wisconsin but it soon expanded to include officials, coin clubs, and my pride, hand painted woods by Jerome Bruce. Then it really got out of hand when I bought the collections of George Parfet, Tom King, and Clarence Kramer/Ted Wolverton. With every new collection I added to my own collection and traded or sold the duplicates to get more and more and more and...

Today my collection includes over 30,000 different official and semi-official woods, 2,100+ Wisconsin woods, 11,000+ coin club woods, 200+ Jerome Bruce woods, and woods from 27 countries, not to mention over 45,000 duplicate official woods for trade or sale. The pride of my collection came about during a trip to Chile several years ago when I had dinner with the President and Secretary of Agriculture and somehow the subject of wooden money collecting came up. I gave them each a wooden nickel and mentioned that I was not aware of any wooden money from Chile. Later, during my close-out meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture and representatives from the US and Chilean embassies, I was presented with a 5 inch diameter hand-carved wooden replica of their one peso coin. As the Secretary told me "Now you have the only official wooden money ever issued in Chile".



Submitted by Darrell Luedtke

**PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE**

Dear Members,

I need your help. Does anyone know Stephen Harman, LM-26? His last mailing address was PO Box 321, Princeton, WV 24740-0321 but his last 2 Bunyan's Chips were returned as "Return to sender, attempted – not known, unable to forward".

I need suggestions for future articles. I have several ready to go for next month but I need your suggestions. What is your area of interest? Do you have something that you could share with other collectors? Give me one word and I'll write an article about it. Think I'm kidding? Try me.

The advertisement for Weyauwega's Horse & Buggy Days wooden nickel in last month's issue was picked up by Numismatic News and resulted in 42 orders, only 4 of which were from IOWMC members. It seems like a lot of people out there collect wooden money but don't belong to the club. With each order I mailed a membership application. Any ideas on how to reach them would be appreciated. Remember that membership offers a terrific way of networking with other collectors. In addition, you receive 11 issues of Bunyan Chips with opportunities to learn about new issues, historical articles on wooden money, where to write for new issues of wooden money, monthly mail bids, and useful information for wooden money collectors.

*Darrell Luedtke*, President

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT****NEW MEMBERS**

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Application Date: 10/13/07

*Maurina Boughton*, Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT – October 22, 2007**Regular Checking

Balance Forward                      \$3,618.77

Expenses: Editor                      163.67

Balance Forward                      \$3,455.10

Regular Savings

Beginning Balance                      \$2,558.99

Ending Balance                        \$2,558.99

Life Membership Savings

Beginning Balance                      \$2,529.19

Ending Balance                        \$2,529.19

I have transferred the club accounts to interest bearing accounts in a credit union. All accounts will now draw interest including checking.

*Del Cushing*, Treasurer

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY CLUB OFFICER WITH ANY CLUB-RELATED BUSINESS



## EDITOR'S REPORT

The best way to add to your collection is to let your fellow collectors know a little about yourself. Unfortunately I'm not receiving any articles from members to post on page 1. PLEASE feel free to write up a little article about yourself, how you got into wooden money collecting, what you collect, and include a photo. If it is a group photo there is no problem, just tell me which one is you and I will scan and crop the photo. The photo will be returned in the next mailing of Bunyan's Chips.

A big thank you to Les Albright for forwarding an article about the issuance of wooden money from Blaine, Washington which appears on page 4. (See the related article on page 5.) By the way, Les and lovely wife Jean celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 24, 2007. Les says that they have a son and daughter, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He also wrote that he broke the ball joint in his left hip last November and needed surgery to repair it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Les and, again, thank you for sending the Blaine article.

Thanks also to Bob Brown and his continuing series of articles on Sambo's and Dairy Queen woods.

As hard as I try to find new official wooden money issues, I sometimes get surprised by local issues that I didn't know about. I got a surprise last month when I attended a local coin show. I found a wooden nickel that Middleton, Wisconsin issued for their sesquicentennial in 2006 and an undated wooden nickel that Verona, Wisconsin issued for their Crazy Days celebration. I checked the Chambers of Commerce in both cities and found out that all of their woods had been given out. The Middleton wood really surprised me because I scoured antique malls in Middleton twice last year and asked if they had any wooden money and was told no. At another coin show I came across a wooden flat that celebrated Butte, Montana's Golden Jubilee in 1940 that was previously undocumented. I guess I need to attend more coin shows! If anyone knows of any other wooden money that isn't listed in the 1994 Guide Book of Wooden Money please let me know because I am updating that information and, hopefully, will have it ready for printing early in 2008.

*Darrell Luedtke, Editor*

## A DAIRY QUEEN UPDATE

by Bob Brown

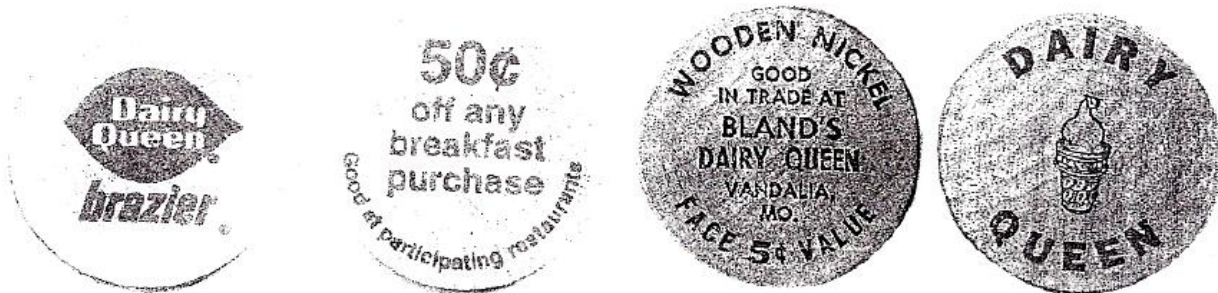
Received the following two copies of Dairy Queen woods from Rich Boyles that are not listed in my book "A PICTURE GUIDE BOOK OF THE DAIRY QUEEN WOODEN TOKENS".

The first one is a maverick and is the traditional red in color. The second one is from Vandalia, MO and is black on both sides. If anyone has any information as to where the maverick wood is from please let me know so that I can pass on the information via this Dairy Queen Update.

If anyone has any Dairy Queen's to report please send me good clear copies or the woods themselves if you are willing to part with them and I will put them in this Dairy Queen Update and I will also see that the person reporting the wood receives credit for the find.

Send any information you may have to me at P. O. Box 124, Highspire, PA 17034 or call me at 717-944-9586. I am also interested in hearing about woods that are listed in my book especially if you have duplicates of said wood, as there are many listed in my book that I do not have.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this listing in the past. Keep up the good work.



## REMEMBERING THE MEANING OF THE PEACE ARCH MONUMENT

Submitted By Les Albright

The following is an article by Richard Clark that appeared in the September 20-26, 2007 issue of *The Northern Light*.

Not many years after Kelli Linville's great grandfather, Knute Evertz, forged and fastened iron gates to the Peace Arch walls, the Great Depression made its gloomy visit. Park development was arrested. The gates of progress seemed closed. Fortunately, Andrew Danielson went to Olympia and saved the project thanks to legislation that allotted \$15,000 toward the park.

With Blaine mayor C.V. Wilder in charge of landscaping and employment, 30 workers were requested at four dollars per day. Over 80 applied. In order to spread the wealth, so to speak, each employee could work only two days. Three employees with teams of horses were paid eight dollars per day. They kept six dollars and kindly donated one-fourth of their salary to a relief fund that afforded additional employment.

Although most Americans had "nothing to fear but fear itself," the depression spawned frightening rumors. Fearing bank failure, customers raced to the wickets to withdraw their savings. After Blaine's Home State Bank closed its doors on Valentine's Day, 1933, an enterprising young man opened the community's hearts, with his Peace Arch scheme.

Albert Balch was an ambitious young man who graduated from Blaine high school in 1922 and the University of Washington in 1929. Although he lost his candidacy for the State Legislature, he won the admiration of Blaine's unemployed by introducing them to Peace Arch wooden money. Although it wasn't his invention, his scheme convinced them that they could spend every portal penny earned so long as they earned and spent it in Blaine. After all, he knew Tenino's bill-shaped wooden currency seemed to be working.

Balch's monumental money scheme entailed the production of wooden coins, one-sixteenth of an inch thick, in denominations of nickels, quarters, half-dollars and dollars designed by W.Y. Chester of San Jose, California. Blaine newspaperman James Cramer stamped them with images of the Peace Arch. Each coin heading for circulation was numbered and recorded by the Blaine Relief Association. Rev. Floyd Green, the association's president, then initialed each piece in waterproof ink, later to be initialed by treasurer Earl McKinney.

At par with gold, the wooden coins were in circulation by January 1933. Suddenly, Canadian souvenir collectors went wild over them. It had been the usual practice of the city to accept Canadian money at par, but they bought such large amounts of the wooden money that McKinney felt forced to declare a discount. The city was delighted. Taking the hint, wooden money was sent to John D. Rockefeller, Herbert Hoover, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The wooden money era lasted but a year. The federal government terminated an illegal operation, innocently contrived, that became the best-kept secret in town. "For those who have not had an opportunity to see a scrapbook on Blaine wooden money, it is now on display at the public library," reported the Blaine Journal-Press, May 10, 1934. "It will remain there for one week only, so you had better hurry." Balch moved to Seattle in 1935, where he and radio broadcasting veteran Ralph Jones ventured into real estate. They developed Ridgeview neighborhood, but Edith, Balch's wife, didn't like the name so she christened the next one Wedgwood, after her collection of English chinaware. Balch died a wealthy entrepreneur September 27, 1976. He was 73.

Samuel Hill's scheme, by contrast, dealt with his Pacific Highway and how to attract tourists to his new Peace Portal Golf Course near the Peace Arch. With a plan for beautifying his highway, he created the Memory Gardens Association and named Queen Marie of Romania honorary president. Hill's scheme never materialized, but it inspired Mary A. Kelly, Blaine, who sent a letter to the editor of the Blaine Journal-Press in 1929. "Why not start a Memory Garden right here in Blaine?" she asked. Blaine's Peace Portal Garden Club became her answer. Flowers were planted in the park, in vacant lots, and in residential yards. "If just 25 percent of our residents should exert themselves to develop an attractive lawn and a few flower beds, Blaine would quickly win the reputation of being 'The City Beautiful,'" ran a 1938 Blaine Journal editorial.

By year 1949 Canadians, mainly from White Rock, joined the club. Renamed the Peace Arch Garden Club International, a floral design featuring a seven foot model of the Peace Arch was displayed in Bellingham the next year.

## THE SEARCH FOR THE FIRST OFFICIAL WOODEN NICKEL

By Darrell Luedtke

Where was the first official wooden nickel issued? I thought that this would be any easy subject to research, but I found out that this was not the case. Since it could not have happened before December, 1931 I reasoned that it must have been in 1932 at the earliest. My research led me through the history of the early issues, as follows.

1. Tenino, Washington issued its first wooden money in December, 1931 and on a fairly regular basis up to April, 1933. However, these were in 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00 denominations. Sorry Tenino. No wooden nickel.
2. Don Major from Tenino, Washington issued 3 wooden flats in March, 1932 that were redeemable for 5¢ in U.S. currency or wooden money. These are significant because they were probably the first wooden nickels ever issued, but they were private issues.
3. There are Farmers Trade Notes from Issaquah, Washington that are dated June, 1932 in the denomination of 25¢. These appear to be depression scrip, similar to Tenino's, but none of the pieces found to date have been signed and it therefore appears that they were never issued. Significant, but not a wooden nickel and maybe never issued.
4. Centralia, Washington celebrated the Southwest Washington Pioneer Picnic on August 3-4, 1932 by issuing two wooden flats. One was good for one shingleplaster and the other "receivable at 5¢ for Tenino Wooden Money".
5. Tenino, Washington the Thurston County Independent issued encased stamp money in 1933 to meet a shortage of change. However, these were very limited with perhaps a total of 5 pieces issued. In addition, the denominations included 1¢, 2¢, and 3¢. Not a wooden nickel in the bunch and also a private issue.
6. Hopkins of Williamsville, New York has 3 wooden nickels bearing the date 1933. I have a problem with these wooden nickels because they are made in the same dimensions and of the same wood for wooden nickels that weren't issued until 20 years later. I have a tendency to discount the authenticity of these issues.
7. Cochrane Lumber Company in Petaluma, California issued a round 10¢ wood on an unknown date in 1933. Significant because it is the first issue of wooden money in California, but a private issue and still not a wooden nickel.
8. Chicago, Illinois opened its Century of Progress celebration on May 27, 1933 and issued 3 embossed wooden nickels in blue, brown and red in each of 2 different sizes, 1 5/16" and 1 3/8". These were officials. Could they be the first official wooden nickels?
9. Hoquaim, Washington celebrated the arrival of Old Ironsides on June 15, 1933 by issuing a round \$1.00 wood. Significant, but not a wooden nickel.
10. North Bend, Oregon issued emergency wooden scrip on June 15, 1933 in the denominations of 10¢, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$10.00. It also issued emergency wooden scrip on July 15, 1933 in the denominations of 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00, \$2.50, and \$10.00. Significant because it was the first official wooden money issued in Oregon, but not a wooden nickel in the bunch.
11. Aberdeen, Washington celebrated the arrival of Old Ironsides on July 1, 1933 by issuing a round 25¢ wood. Significant, but not a wooden nickel.
12. The American Legion in Bremerton, Washington celebrated the arrival of Old Ironsides on July 10, 1933 by issuing a round wooden 25¢ wood. Significant because the edges were reeded to deter counterfeiting, but a private issue and not a wooden nickel.
13. Olympia, Washington celebrated the arrival of Old Ironsides on July 31, 1933 by issuing a 25¢ Oyster Money wood. Significant, especially due to its unique shape, but not a wooden nickel.
14. The American Legion in Klamath Falls, Oregon celebrated their convention on August 10, 11 & 12, 1933 by issuing a round 25¢ wood. Significant because it is the first private wooden money issued in Oregon, but not a wooden nickel.
15. Longview, Washington celebrated the arrival of Old Ironsides on October 17, 1933 by issuing a round 25¢ wood. Significant, but not a wooden nickel.
16. Henry Roeder in Bellingham, Washington issued a round 5¢ wood on an unknown date in 1933 that was redeemable during 1933 for merchandise or stamps. A wooden nickel. Significant, but a private issue.
17. I have purposely skipped one issue. Blaine, Washington issued wooden money in January, 1933 after the bank failed. It was available in denominations of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, and \$1.00. This wooden money was issued by the Relief Association to unemployed in exchange for labor on city improvements. They could be spent by the worker at local businesses. The 5¢ piece was the first wooden money printed with "wooden nickel". Blaine, "home sweet home", of the first wooden nickel.

## HISTORIC ROUTE 66 ON WOODEN NICKELS

By Darrell Luedtke



Congress executed its plan for national highway construction in 1925. Officially, the numerical designation US 66 was assigned to the Chicago-to-Los Angeles route in the summer of 1926. From the outset, public road planners intended US 66 to connect the main streets of rural and urban communities along its course for the most practical of reasons: most small towns had no prior access to a major national thoroughfare.

US 66 was a highway spawned by the demands of a rapidly changing America. Its diagonal course linked hundreds of predominantly rural communities, thus enabling farmers to transport grain and produce for redistribution. The diagonal configuration of US 66 was particularly significant to the trucking industry, which by 1930 had come to rival the railroad for preeminence in the American shipping industry.

US 66 began in Chicago, Illinois and followed a meandering course through Springfield, Illinois; St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Amarillo, Texas; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Flagstaff, Arizona; and ended in Los Angeles, California, for a total of 2,448 miles. Along that route it was known as Route 66, The Main Street of America, The Mother Road and Will Rogers Highway.

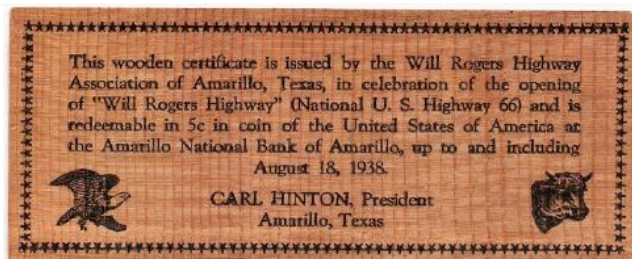
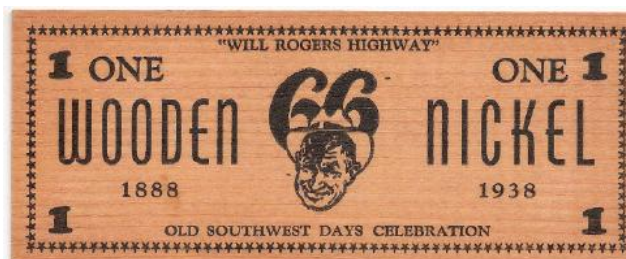
In his famous social commentary, *The Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck proclaimed U. S. Highway 66 the "Mother Road." Steinbeck's classic 1939 novel, combined with the 1940 film recreation of the epic odyssey, served to immortalize Route 66 in the American consciousness. An estimated 210,000 people migrated to California to escape the despair of the Dust Bowl. In the view of generations of children to whom they recounted their story, Route 66 symbolized the "road to opportunity."

From 1933 to 1938 thousands of unemployed male youths from virtually every state were put to work as laborers on road gangs to pave the final stretches of the road. As a result of this monumental effort, the Chicago-to-Los Angeles highway was reported as "continuously paved" in 1938.

After World War II Americans were more mobile than ever before. Thousands of soldiers, sailors, and airmen who received military training in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas abandoned the harsh winters of Chicago, New York City, and Boston for the "barbecue culture" of the Southwest and the West. Again, for many, Route 66 facilitated their relocation. One such emigrant was Robert William Troup, Jr., of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Bobby Troup, former pianist with the Tommy Dorsey band and ex-Marine captain, penned a lyrical road map of the now famous cross-country road in which the words, "get your kicks on Route 66" became a catch phrase for countless motorists who moved back and forth between Chicago and the Pacific Coast. The popular recording was released in 1946 by Nat King Cole one week after Troup's arrival in Los Angeles.

US 66 was officially decommissioned on June 27, 1985 after it was decided the route was no longer relevant and had been replaced by the Interstate Highway System.

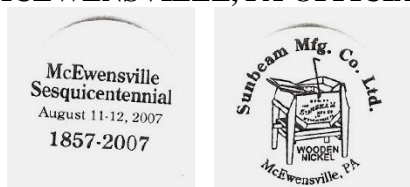
Route 66 was one of the most important highways to ever exist in the US. It was the subject of books, songs movies and television programs. However, only one city immortalized it in the form of a wooden nickel. In 1938 Amarillo, Texas issued 2 wooden nickels at its Old Southwest Day Celebration to commemorate the opening of the "Will Rogers Highway (National U. S. Highway 66)". One wooden nickel has the date "August 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 1938" on the reverse and the second has the date "August 18, 1938". In addition, it was issued in both horizontal and vertical grains and some examples of both are stamped "souvenir" on the reverse.





**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MO**

The Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District issued 2 wooden nickels to honor the Montgomery City Sesquicentennial. On a tip from Ken Paulsen I called 573-564-2262, ext. 3, and spoke to Brenda. She has fewer than 10 sets left at \$1 per set plus SASE. Order from Montgomery County SWCD, 1013 S. Sturgeon, Montgomery City, MO 63361.

**MCEWENSVILLE, PA OFFICIAL**

McEwensville, PA issued an official wooden nickel to mark their sesquicentennial in 2007. They are green in color and available for 25¢ each plus SASE. Order from Pam Cooper, PO Box 125, McEwensville, PA 17749.

**CRESTON WOODS FOR SALE**

2007 Creston, Ohio Ox Roast & Fish Fry wooden nickel. 50¢ each plus SASE. 1985-2006 issues also available for 50¢ each plus SASE. 2006 Steven Sherer International Director of the Lions Clubs is 75¢ each plus SASE. 2005 marriage wood for John Bowers & Barbara Bouman is 35¢ plus SASE. Please add additional postage if ordering more than 2 woods. Order from Wilbur Bowers, 106 Hemlock Drive, Creston, OH 44217.

**MERCHANT WOODS FOR SALE**

Hundreds of merchant woods from all states for sale (or trade for PA that I need). Herman M. Aqua, 100 Dunn Street, Forty Fort, PA 18704. email h.aqua@verizon .net

**COLONIAL CRAFT FAIR WOODS**

The Middletown Area Historical Society held its annual Colonial Craft Fair on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and issued 2 woods for the event. The woods are black in color and can be ordered from the society for 50¢ a set plus SASE or sufficient postage. To order write to the Middletown Area Historical Society, PO Box 248, Middletown, PA 17057.

**HERSHEY COIN CLUB WOODS**

Hershey Coin Club read the article about the listing of coin clubs that have issued woods and responded with a list of woods that it has issued from 1966 through 2007. The club has woods available for almost every year at varying prices. 1966 to 1989 are mostly dollar size with some exceptions, 1990 through 2007 are all nickel size, some flats are also available. Contact Neil College, 42 Hitz Lane, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

**WEYAUWEGA HORSE & BUGGY DAYS**

Weyauwega celebrated its 47<sup>th</sup> annual Horse & Buggy Days on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> with the issuance of another official wooden nickel. These are available for 50¢ each plus SASE from Darrell Luedtke, 9957 W. Margaret Lane, Franklin, WI 53132.

**FISHBOWL WOODEN NICKEL COIN CLUB**

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club held their annual coin show on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Siren, Wisconsin. The new 2007 wood features a muskie, the Wisconsin state fish. It is available for 25¢ plus a SASE. Send your request to Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club, C/O Gary Schauls, 2702 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Luck, WI 54853-3811.

**TRADE**

Gary Beckstrom has fire and police patches to trade. Write to Gary R. Beckstrom, 89 Lark Circle, York, PA 17404.

**THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING NOVEMBER 30, 2007**

Note: Final figures are in for the September mail bid. Lot# - winning bid: 5 - \$18.00, 6 - \$17.60, 7 - \$7.50, 9 - \$5.00, 11 - \$12.50, 12 - \$2.50, 13 - \$15.60, 15 - \$7.50, 17 - \$10.00, 18 - \$17.50, 19 - \$11.25, 20 - \$26.60, 23 - \$11.25, 24 - \$10.50, 27 - \$14.60, 29 - \$16.25, 30 - \$7.50, 31 - \$7.50, 32 - \$38.50, 35 - \$12.50. Total = \$270.15. 10% to IOWMC = \$27.01. Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

**Flats****Washington**

1. Enumclaw, 1939, Golden Jubilee – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.00)
2. Kelso, 1939, Washington Golden Jubilee, 25¢ (MB \$2.50)
3. Longview, 1949, Silver Jubilee – complete set of 4 (MB \$15.00)
4. South Bend, 1934, Merchants Association, 25¢ (Multiples to sell for \$5.00 each as long as they last)
5. South Bend, 1934, Merchants Association, 50¢ (Multiples to sell for \$8.00 each as long as they last)
6. South Bend, 1934, Merchants Association, \$1.00 (Multiples to sell for \$10.00 each as long as they last)
7. South Bend, 1934, Merchants Association, \$5.00 (Multiples to sell for \$12.00 each as long as they last)
8. South Bend, 1934, Merchants Association, \$10.00 (MB \$25.00)
9. Tenino, 1932, February, 25¢, Blue-Brown (MB \$25.00)
10. Tenino, 1932, March, 25¢, 1<sup>st</sup> printing (MB \$25.00)
11. Tenino, 1932, March, 25¢, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing, watermarked (MB \$30.00)
12. Tenino, 1932, April, 25¢, Hand written signatures (MB \$25.00)
13. Tenino, 1932, April, 50¢, Red-Blue (MB \$25.00)
14. Tenino, 1932, April, \$1.00, Watermarked (MB \$35.00)
15. Tenino, 1932, April, \$1.00, Not Watermarked (MB \$35.00)
16. Tenino, 1932, May, 25¢ (MB \$25.00)
17. Tenino, 1932, May, 50¢ (MB \$30.00)
18. Tenino, 1932, May, \$1.00 (MB \$30.00)
19. Tenino, 1932, June, 25¢ (MB \$25.00)
20. Tenino, 1932, June, 50¢ (MB \$30.00)
21. Tenino, 1932, August, 25¢ (MB \$25.00)
22. Tenino, 1933, January, 25¢ (MB \$25.00)
23. Tenino, 1933, January, \$1.00 (MB \$30.00)
24. Tenino, 1933, April, 25¢ (MB \$25.00)
25. Tenino, 1933, April, \$1.00 (MB \$30.00)

**West Virginia**

26. Beckley, 1938, Centennial – complete set of 4 (MB \$12.00)
27. Jefferson County, 1951, Sesquicentennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
28. Marshall County, 1935, Centennial (First WV issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$30.00)
29. Raleigh County, 1950, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
30. Wheeling, 1936, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)

**Rounds****Washington**

31. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Coulee Dam/Curly Jim, Red/Green #4 (MB \$15.00)
32. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Coulee Dam/James Glover, Red/Green #7 (MB \$15.00)
33. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Coulee Dam/James Glover, Red/Purple #9 (MB \$15.00)
34. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Curley Jim/Curly Jim, Red/Green #16 (MB \$15.00)
35. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Curley Jim/Curly Jim, Red/Purple #18 (MB \$15.00)
36. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Curly Jim/James Glover, Red/Orange #23 (MB \$15.00)
37. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, James Glover/James Glover, Red/Green #31 (MB \$15.00)
38. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, James Glover/James Glover, Red/Orange #32 (MB \$15.00)
39. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, James Glover/James Glover, Red/Purple #33 (MB \$15.00)
40. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, James Glover/Curly Jim, Red/Green #37 (MB \$15.00)
41. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, 5¢/5¢, Red/Green #55 (MB \$15.00)
42. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, 5¢/5¢, Red/Purple #57 (MB \$15.00)

All bids must be received by phoned, e-mailed or postmarked by 9:00 PM CST on November 30, 2007

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# BUNYAN'S CHIPS



## Official Newsletter for the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors

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### Featured Member of the Month – Bill Manifold #R-1935

How in hell did I get this old? I was born July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1921 at home in Hyde Park - Chicago, Illinois. Doctors made house calls in those days.

My dad was a printer by trade and had his own print shop for awhile in an old frame building which had been the local fire station. This was a fun place for my brother Chuck and I especially with the brass pole to slide down from the 2nd floor.

Business was slow so dad and his friend joined a carnival with a side show charging 10¢ to see one of them "Buried alive". They spent the day in wooden box 6 feet down with wooden tubes at head and foot for ventilation and a bulb for heat. The public could see and talk to them down the tube. We moved a lot so went to quite a few schools. I was a crossing guard at Bret Harte and graduated from Kozminski.

Those days you graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade grammar school before entering high school.

Those were the Depression years and things were tough, but grandma always had a bowl of soup or sandwich for the hobos. My brother and I lived with her quite a while. We didn't have school busses or parents drive us - we walked - rain or shine. Soles of our shoes had holes so each morning we put in fresh piece of cardboard, which was fine unless it rained. Then we sat with soggy feet all day. To earn money as a kid in the summer I cut grass with a push mower, washed windows, beat rugs with a carpet beater or weeded gardens. In winter I hand shoveled snow. Going rate was ten cents. Of course that would buy 2 REAL candy bars, not the kind made today with artificial ingredients which cost 65¢. Or it would get you in the matinee at the movies.

Also sold magazines - Liberty, Saturday Evening Post, Lady's Home Journal and delivered newspapers by foot until I saved enough to buy a bicycle.

I went to Bowen High school in South Chicago which was over a mile away. I couldn't afford to take the street car so I either walked or rode my bike depending on weather. Most fellas took shop courses. I had no idea what to sign up for so I asked girl next door and she suggested a "commercial" course. Turned out I was the only boy in the typing, bookkeeping, etc. classes, but it has come in handy over the years. I liked school and was on the Honor Roll, but only had 1½ years then had to leave to help support the family. Don't know how many correspondence and adult education courses I have taken since in every subject imaginable.

As teenagers my brother and I spent 6 months in the CCC rip rapping irrigation canals in Idaho for \$1 a day. We were paid 7 silver dollars and the rest was sent home. Wish I had kept a few of them.

My first full time job was at Bauer & Black working for 25¢ an hour in the warehouse. The first day was a doozy. This was before fork lifts so had to unload 1,000# bales of cotton from a railroad car with a 2 wheel hand truck. Next day every bone in my body ached, but stuck it out, gradually working up to night foreman. When war broke out didn't want to be drafted into the infantry so volunteered for the Air Corps. Spent 3½ years in the service where I was a B-17 pilot stationed in England.

Have been a collector all my life starting as a kid with postage stamps and pennies, then other coins until had quite a few uncirculated and proof sets. When they got too expensive switched to wooden nickels and elongated coins. I have made a lot of new friends from coast to coast buying, selling and trading. Also collected buttons (pins) and now have over 3500 in frames on bedroom wall. Made and collected 1:12 scale miniatures, bells and latest passion is die cast scale model cars, trucks, motorcycles and planes. Among them are 9 police cars, 24 vintage fire engines, a hearse including a casket, and 8 Presidential limousines. They're neat! Very detailed.



Submitted by Bill Manifold

## PRESIDENT'S WOOD PILE

Dear Members,

With Thanksgiving behind us and the holiday season just ahead I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever holiday you may be celebrating. In addition, may everyone have a very Happy New Year.

I have been honored to have spoken personally with many of you over this past year and I have even met a few of you. You have enriched my life and I hope that I have enriched yours. We have a very special hobby that may not appeal to everyone but I can say that I personally have never been involved in a hobby with so many great people in it. For this I can look back and be thankful for and I can also look ahead to meeting more of you.

I have written to all the wooden money printers and gotten their prices for Christmas woods, as summary of which you will find in this issue. Perhaps you will want to order a generic wood that says "good for a hug" or something to that effect. Some collectors have 300 woods printed up without a year on it and then write in the year. By giving away woods this time of the year it's a great way to advertise the hobby and get other people interested. If you issue a wood this time of the year please forward one or at least a copy of it and I will have the editor publish them in the next issue. I know that many collectors have often listed one for trade and this is a great idea.

*Darrell Luedtke*, President

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT

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It's time for everyone to renew their dues by January 1, 2008. Dues are \$7.50 a year. Junior and Associate Memberships are \$4.00 a year. Checks should be made out to IOWMC and sent to the Secretary: Maurina Boughton, PO Box 1, Macedon, NY 14502.

*Maurina Boughton*, Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT – November, 2007

#### Regular Checking

Balance Forward	\$3,455.10
Income	
Interest	1.25
Expenses:	
Editor	\$152.53
Advance to Editor	500.00
Advance to Secretary	50.00
ANA 2008 Dues	36.00
State Business License	20.00
Balance Forward:	\$2,697.82

#### Regular Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,558.99
Interest	3.22
Ending Balance	\$2,562.21

#### Life Membership Savings

Beginning Balance	\$2,529.19
Interest	3.18
Ending Balance	\$2,532.37

*Del Cushing*, Treasurer

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY CLUB OFFICER WITH ANY CLUB-RELATED BUSINESS

## EDITOR'S REPORT

A big thank you to Bill Manifold for his story on page 1. This is a great way to learn something about fellow collectors and I encourage everyone to participate.

Something happened this past month that I am sure will give a boost to wooden money collecting. On November 10<sup>th</sup> a 1933 Tenino wooden encased postage stamp sold for \$4,050 on Ebay. The next day the senior editor of Coin World contacted me with the question of whether this set a record for the sale of wooden money. He plans an article in the next issue and I am eagerly awaiting a copy. It has to be a boost to our hobby.

I have been contacted by several collectors recently who said that wooden money collecting is getting too expensive. At one time a wooden nickel was a nickel but then again, gas was 25¢ per gallon. If you collect common woods they are still available for a nickel. That's what we're here for as an organization. By belonging to IOWMC we trade, buy and sell between us. You don't have to buy on Ebay, in antique malls or coin shops and you don't have to pay their prices. If you haven't run a "want" ad lately, now's the time to think about it. As for the mail bids, the minimum bids are generally 50% of the listed Guide Book prices and I publish the selling price the following month. You will note that many of the woods generally sell for 60% of the Guide Book price and some do not sell, meaning that no one bid on them.

A big thank you to Ken Paulsen. Ken works very hard to try to find new official woods that were issued. He writes hundreds of letters every year and occasionally he gets lucky and finds some. When he gets really lucky he buys additional woods to share with his fellow collectors. This issue has a long list of official woods that Ken is offering on page 7.

*Darrell Luedtke, Editor*

### **Marietta, Ohio – The Home of the Wooden Nickel By Darrell Luedtke**



I want to thank David Clouse for the topic of this article. A couple years ago he asked me why the 2½" round wooden nickels issued by Marietta, Ohio in 1938 bore the inscription "The Home of the Wooden Nickel". I have researched this subject many times since then and, quite frankly, I don't know.

The first idea that came across my mind was that wooden money was all printed in Marietta at that time. However, I found out that wooden money was being printed by local print shops at the time, so that dashed that idea.

The second idea was that these were the first wooden nickels issued in the United States. However, many cities had issued wooden nickels before then.

The third is that up until 1938 very few cities had issued wooden nickels and most of those were issued in conjunction with the Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial. This may be the answer. If you take a look at the Marietta issues for this celebration you will see that they issued a total of 18 wooden nickel flats and 12 wooden nickel 2½" rounds. Thus, for this one celebration they issued 30 wooden nickels, far more than any other city had issued up to that date.

I don't know if this is the answer and if any other collector has any additional information please let me know.

## Wooden Money Sale Sets Record On Ebay

### By Darrell Luedtke

Norm Boughton, 1986/1987 IOWMC President, used to say that collecting wooden money was the Rodney Dangerfield of hobbies – it doesn't get any respect.

It seems like the only wooden money that commands a high price is the cross-over pieces that are also collected by other hobbyists. For example, the Tenino wooden money of 1931 to 1933 is eagerly sought by collectors of scrip who pay up to \$100 each. The set of wooden money that was given to ticket holders at the world's premier of the Gone With the Wind movie in Atlanta in 1939 are sought by collectors of Gone With the Wind memorabilia and regularly sell for \$250 per wood. Maybe that's why many of us graduated from updating our coin collections to collecting wooden money – you can pick and choose your area of interest, there's always something available if you know where to look, and if you deal with other collectors it doesn't cost a lot to collect.

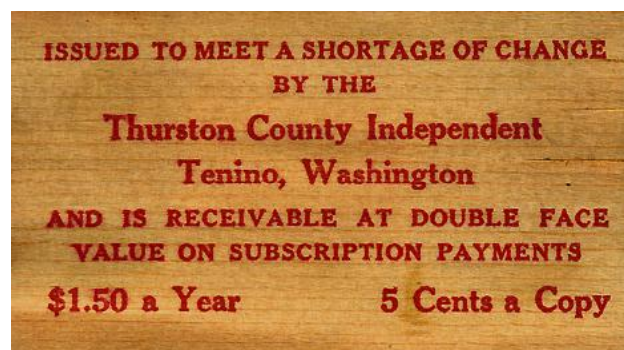
Norm probably would have been shocked and awed by something that transpired on Ebay on November 10<sup>th</sup>. That was the day that an auction for a 1933 Tenino encased wooden postage stamp ended. The item up for auction was a 3¢ stamp encased between 2 pieces of Sitka spruce wood 80 by 47 millimeters in size. According to information that I have been able to acquire over the years these were made on a trial basis by the Thurston County Independent newspaper to offset a shortage of change during the depression when silver coins were hoarded. Again, according to information that I have, there was one piece made without a stamp, one piece with a 1¢ stamp, one piece with a 2¢ stamp, and three pieces with a 3¢ stamp. These were never issued and I cannot remember the last time one came up for auction anywhere. The 1984 Mitchell-Shafer Standard Catalog of Depression Scrip of the United States lists these pieces but does not give a price. The 1977 Guide Book of Wooden Money lists these pieces as being unique.

When the auction started on November 3<sup>rd</sup> I figured that this piece may go for \$600 unless cross-over collectors of scrip and encased postage stamps found out about it, so that's what I bid. Knowing full well that encased postage regularly sells for up to \$2,000 I was prepared to go higher. To my surprise I was still in the running on November 9<sup>th</sup> with my \$600 bid. Then, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, all heck broke loose. 8 seconds before the end of the auction the top bid of \$4,050 was entered. Yes. You read that correct. Wooden money sold for \$4,050 on Ebay!

The day following the end of the auction I was contacted by the senior editor of Coin World and asked if this had set a record for wooden money. I provided him with some information and look forward to his article on the subject. Rest in peace my friend Norm, collecting wooden money has finally gotten some respect.



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## BOTKINS, OHIO HOMECOMING

By: Darrell Luedtke

Richard Botkin was born in Morgan County, Virginia, came to Hamilton County, Ohio in 1803 and moved to Shelby County in 1832. At what is now Botkins, Richard built a log house shortly after coming, a barn in 1850, then a frame house, the first in miles around, in 1854.

Richard was given the right-of-way for one mile north and one mile south for the Dayton and Michigan Railroad, later the CH&D, and still later the B&O. With horse and oxen he graded a mile of it. Richard died in 1858, but saw the first train pass, having been helped from his bed in his last illness to see it.

The Methodist church was organized in his log house, and meetings were held in his home until they could build a church.

After his death, the village was incorporated and named Botkins as requested in his will. Botkins is on the continental divide in west central Ohio.

In 2000 its population was 1,205. What its population was in 1938 when it celebrated its Homecoming is unknown but probably no more than several hundred. The wooden nickel that the Businessmen's Association issued is probably the hardest Ohio wooden nickel to find. It is 2½" in diameter and of the same composition and design as the Piqua wooden nickels that were issued for the Northwest Territories sesquicentennial. The following is a mid-1970's newspaper article.



### *Early wood marks festival*

Wooden nickel issued by the Botkins Businessmen's Association for the Botkins, Ohio, Home Coming and Harvest Festival, Oct. 13-15, 1938. The wood, which was good for five cents in trade at many Botkins establishments during the festival, was recently uncovered by Paul Szenglein, a Botkins resident who served on the entertainment committee of the 1938 festival. Inscriptions are printed in black over a red background design.

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### MORE LIGHTHOUSES

The editor received a letter from the Coin Club of Greater New Bedford that it has issued 3 lighthouse woods in the past. These include the Butler's Flat Lighthouse issued April 5, 1970, Palmers Island Light issued November 30, 1986, and Butler's Flat Light on February 29, 2004. Thank you for the information. If you collect lighthouse woods you might want to contact them to see about availability of these woods at Coin Club of Greater New Bedford, PO Box 2991, New Bedford, MA 02741. Don't forget to include an SASE for their response.



## **Personalized Christmas & Hanukkah Woods**

### **By Darrell Luedtke**

Although this information is coming a little late, if you act now you can still order your Christmas or Hanukkah woods in time for the holidays. Even so, you might want to keep the information and order woods at any time of the year.

Please contact any of the wood printers you wish, at once, in order to obtain their brochure showing designs, colors, shapes, sizes and price data on their woods, so that you can place your order as soon as possible. Mails are slow for packages and it takes time to print woods.

Round woods that are mailed should be protected by a thick piece of cardboard or a piece of a plastic "bubble" envelope or they may be broken by machines that process the mail. Flat woods need little protection and are rarely broken in the mail.

The bright metallic colors printed on woods, made from a thin foil paper on which the hot stamped process is used, are available only from Canadian wood printers. United States wood printers use colored inks to print their woods.

### **CANADA WIDE WOODS**

Canada Wide Woods, General Delivery, Gadshill, Ontario, Canada NOK IJO, telephone (519) 271-3352 (Larry Walker) and (519) 273-1715 (Bill Cousins) offers 3 designs for the obverse side of their 2" x 3" laminated flat woods, consisting of light maple on one side and dark walnut on the other.

Only the maple side is printed, using bright foil colors applied to the wood by the hot stamped process. The issuer chooses one foil color for the design and one foil color for his name, etc.

The firm offers the following 3 designs: a large Christmas tree with wrapped gifts around the bottom of the tree; four wrapped Christmas gifts; and a sign pointing to the North Pole.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" is printed on the first two woods and "SEASON'S GREETINGS" is printed on the last mentioned design. There is room for your name and address on the left side.

100 2" x 3" printed flats, exclusive of postage, are \$68 Canadian or about \$70 U.S depending on the rate of exchange.

Their internet address is: [www.canadawidewoods.com](http://www.canadawidewoods.com).

### **JOHN LAWRENCE**

John no longer prints wooden money. He has the equipment available for purchase if anyone wants to get into the business. Contact John at 25 North Wayne Avenue, West Haverstraw, New York 10993, telephone (845) 429-2802.

### **NORMAN BELSTON**

It is too late to order Christmas woods from Norm this year but he is still printing woods. You can contact him at: Norman Belston, 86 Hamilton Drive, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada L3Y 3E8. Telephone is (905) 868-9187. His email address is: [nbelston@sympatico.com](mailto:nbelston@sympatico.com).

### **OLD TIME WOODEN NICKEL COMPANY**

Old Time Wooden Nickel Company, Attn. Herb Hornung, P.O. Box 18362, San Antonio, Texas 78218-0362, two toll-free telephones (800) 750-9915 or (877) 464-2535 and fax (210) 832-8965, offers 22 stock designs including Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years and generic seasons greetings in their brochure for 1½" round woods. There is no charge for custom set-up of the sender's personal data on the reverse side.

Prices for custom reverse and stock obverse in the same color (black, blue, green or red) are as follows: 150/\$42.95, 300/\$59.60, 550/\$77.85 and 1,100/\$103.45. Shipping charges range between \$10 (150) and \$13 (1,100) additional. Visa, Master Card and Discover are accepted. All of the above prices are in US funds.

Their internet address is: [www.wooden-nickel.com](http://www.wooden-nickel.com).

**Note that Canada Wide Woods is the only printer that is a member of IOWMC.**

### C.C. OF GREATER NEW BEDFORD



To order send 50¢ for each wood plus Large SASE or bubble mailer to the Coin Club of Greater New Bedford, PO Box 2991, New Bedford, MA 02741.

### NEW OFFICIAL ISSUES

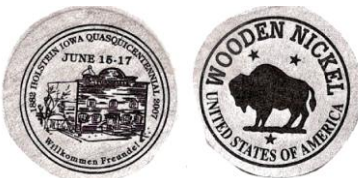
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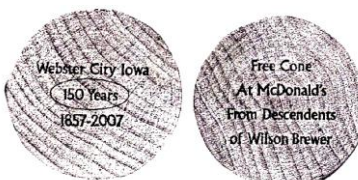
CT, Bethany – Official - \$1.50



IA, Galva – Official - \$1.00



IA, Holstein – Official - \$1.00



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KS, Chetoph – Official - \$1.00



ME – East Millinocket – Semi-off. - \$1.00



ME, Palmyra – Official - \$1.50



MO, Forest City – Official - \$1.00



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MO, Trenton – Official - \$1.50



NE, Walthill – Official - \$1.00



NM, Fort Stanton – Official - \$1.50



NY, Elma – Official - \$1.00



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PA, McEwensville – Semi-official - \$1.00



TX, Forestburg – Official - \$1.50



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Previously offered officials are available:

- IA, Woolstock, Quasquicentennial - \$1.00
- MI, West Branch, Centennial - \$1.00
- MO, Augusta, Bicentennial - \$1.00
- NY, Angelica, Bicentennial - \$1.00
- NY, Chazy, Bicentennial - \$1.00
- NY, Wells, Bicentennial - \$1.00

Orders should include \$1.00 postage for up to 5 woods and \$1.50 for more than 5 woods. Send orders to Kenneth Paulsen, PO Box 142327, Overland, MO 63114-0327.

**THIS IS A CLUB SPONSORED MAIL BID – CLOSING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

Note: Final figures are in for the September mail bid. Lot# - winning bid: 5 - \$18.00, 6 - \$17.60, 7 - \$7.50, 9 - \$5.00, 11 - \$12.50, 12 - \$2.50, 13 - \$15.60, 15 - \$7.50, 17 - \$10.00, 18 - \$17.50, 19 - \$11.25, 20 - \$26.60, 23 - \$11.25, 24 - \$10.50, 27 - \$14.60, 29 - \$16.25, 30 - \$7.50, 31 - \$7.50, 32 - \$38.50, 35 - \$12.50. Total = \$270.15. 10% to IOWMC = \$27.01. Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

Note: Final figures are in for the October mail bid. Lot# - winning bid: 2 - \$60.00, 3 - \$75.00, 5 - \$18.00, 7 - \$25.00, 8 - \$3.00, 9 - \$20.00, 10 - \$30.00, 11 - \$14.00, 12 - \$4.00, 14 - \$5.00, 17 - \$6.00, 19 - \$10.00, 20 - \$10.00, 21 - \$10.00, 22 - \$10.00, 23 - \$10.00, 24 - \$10.00, 25 - \$15.00, 27 - \$11.00, 28 - \$11.00, 29 - \$11.00, 30 - \$11.00, 31 - \$11.00, 32 - \$11.00, 33 - \$11.00, 34 - \$11.00, 35 - \$11.00, 36 - \$11.00. Total = \$444.00. 10% to IOWMC = \$44.40. Thanks to everyone who bid and congratulations to the winners.

**Rounds****Washington**

1. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Coulee Dam/Curly Jim, Red/Orange #5 (MB \$15.00)
2. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, Coulee Dam/James Glover, Red/Orange #8 (MB \$15.00)
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7. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, James Glover/Curley Jim, Red/Orange #38 (MB \$15.00)
8. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, James Glover/Curley Jim, Red/Purple #39 (MB \$15.00)
9. Spokane, 1939, Columbia Cavalcade, 5¢/5¢, Red/Orange #56 (MB \$15.00)

**Wisconsin**

10. Sheboygan Falls, 1976, 122<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (unlisted) – (MB \$2.00)
11. Weyauwega, Horse and Buggy Days – complete set of all 41 regular issues 1964/2007 (MB \$50.00)

**Wyoming**

12. Lusk, 1957, Pageant (1<sup>st</sup> WY official issue) – complete set of 2 (MB \$5.00)
13. Powell, 1959, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – complete set of 3 (MB \$6.00)

**Flats****Wisconsin**

12. Belleville, 1951, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Smith-Scott, Round Shield – complete set of 3 (MB \$20.00)
13. Berlin, 1938, 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – (MB \$3.00)
14. Fond du Lac, 1952, City Centennial – complete set of 3 (Multiple sets to sell for \$4.00 per set)
15. Iowa County, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
16. Kaukauna, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (Multiple sets to sell for \$7.00 per set)
17. Manitowoc County, 1936, Centennial (1<sup>st</sup> WI official issue) – complete set of 3 (MB \$18.00)
18. Merrill, 1947, Centennial – complete set of 3 (Multiple sets to sell for \$5.00 per set)
19. Oconto County, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
20. Oshkosh, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 4 (Multiple sets to sell for \$7.00 per set)
21. Portage, 1952, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
22. Shawano County, 1953, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$10.00)
23. Sturgeon Bay, 1948, Centennial – complete set of 4 (Multiple sets to sell for \$10.00 per set)
24. Superior, 1954, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$7.50)
25. Watertown, 1954, Centennial – (Multiples to sell \$3.00 each)
26. Wausau, 1939, Centennial – complete set of 3 (MB \$11.50)

All bids must be received by phoned, e-mailed or postmarked by 9:00 PM CST on December 31, 2007

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